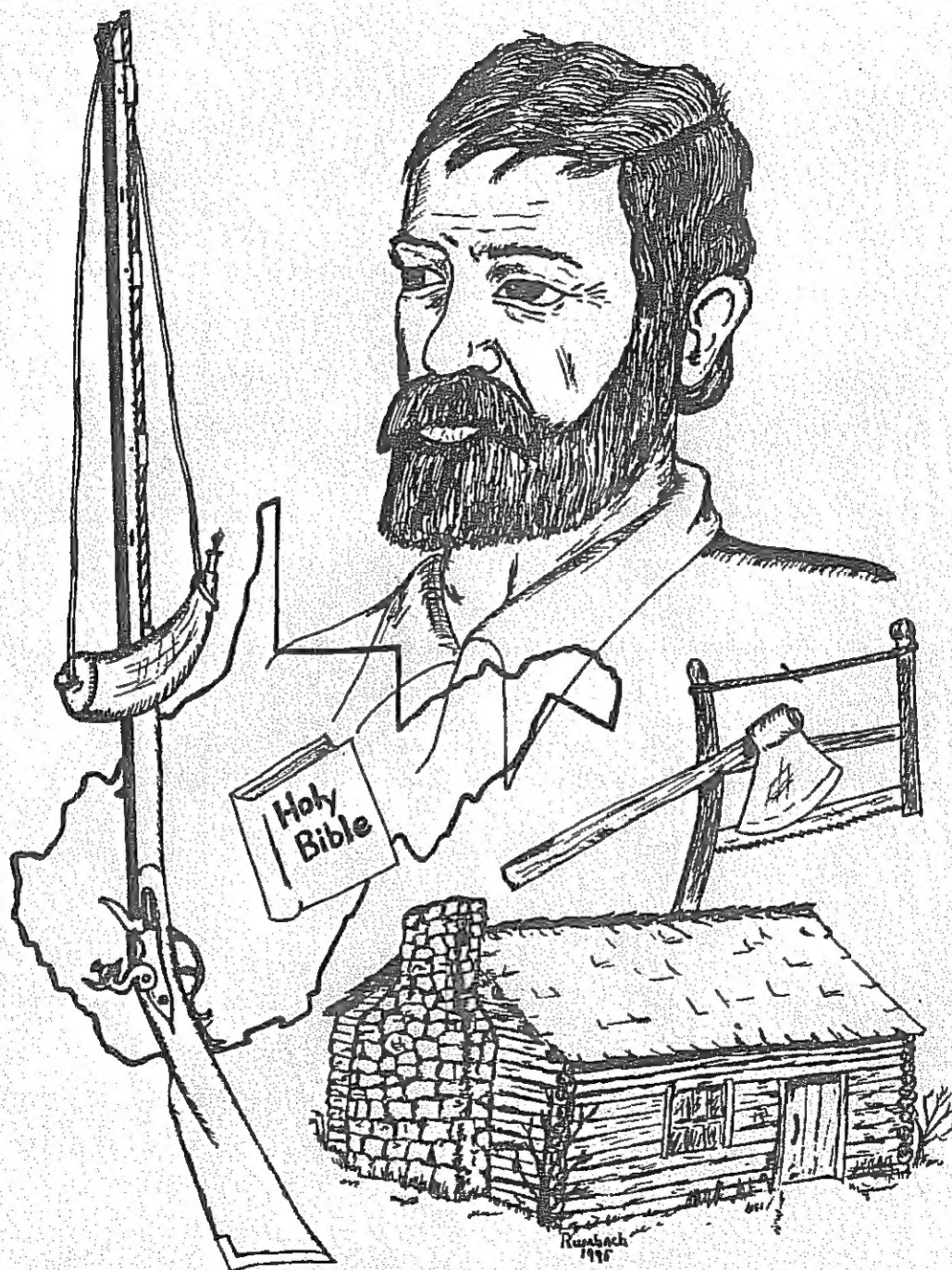


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jots from joy

Dear Cousins and Friends,

The end of a year is a time for reflection. . . a look at where we have been and a vision of where we are going. So it is with HCPD this year.

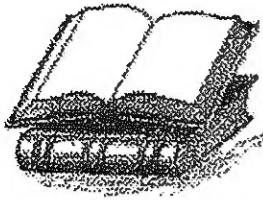
During the past year we have accomplished much. Thanks to the generosity of our members, a grant of Governor **UNDERWOOD's** Civil Contingency Fund, and the vigorous fundraising efforts and creative financing of the Board of Directors, we have entirely rewired the building, encompassed the building in insulation, installed thermal replacement windows, replaced the gas service line and one of the main supporting beams under the stacks area of the library, found and exterminated varmints (bats & carpenter ants), and are presently painting the main reading room. What is more, our budgeted gas bill has been reduced by \$156/month. We have published the family history portion of the Lewis County history as *Lewis County, WV: Her People & Places* and republished the 1992 history known as *Crossroads*.

By working together with other genealogy and history groups and families across the state, we were successful in getting a cemetery preservation and access law passed in the 2000 West Virginia Legislature. For the first time, family members and genealogists have legal support for accessing cemeteries on private property in West Virginia. We also established the Cemetery Fund Coalition, the first meeting of which was in October. The Coalition will explore and hopefully establish perpetual care funds for small family owned or abandoned cemeteries in West Virginia.

Our membership continues to grow and those now connected via the internet is nearly 60% of our membership. Our website is growing with more information online for our members and we now have our own domain name - www.hackerscreek.com.

Where are we headed? We recently acquired a microfilm camera from a county government in Minnesota. Soon, local volunteers will be trained by West Virginia Archives staff to begin filming and assisting in the preservation of public documents in Lewis County and surrounding counties, thus making them more available to our members and genealogists across the country. (It's a l-o-o-o-n-g story how a group in West Virginia got something from Minnesota. HCPDers are "everywhere!"). We're working closely with the local chapter of the Sons of Union Veterans and others to teach and share the history of both sides in the Conflict Between the States. At least one book pertaining to this event is being written by a member of the staff.

In 2001, we will be working with other genealogy and history groups to fund the preservation of municipal, county, and state documents for future generations and for making them more generally accessible to the public. We will be assisting with efforts to preserve some of the more historic structures across the state (in particular, the National Landmark building, the Weston State Hospital) and we will continue to provide educational resources about the history of our area to persons of all ages. (Continued on page 159)



"Lewis County Her People and Places"

submitted by satisfied HCPD members

HPCD's most recent book, *Lewis County, Her People and Places*, has been well-received by members and others interested in West Virginia history. Here are a few of the glowing testimonials received in Horner.

Received my copy of "LC Her P & P" today. Congratulations! Overall I think it was a marvelous piece of work, of substantial historical value. The treatment of my two contributions and the accompanying picture cannot be faulted for accuracy and appearance. I'll do better than that - the preparers came as close to a perfect job as can be found in this world. I'm looking forward to reading the whole volume slowly and with enjoyment. Eric CURTIS

The book arrived just minutes ago and now I am going to be reading for the next couple days!!!! I will have to say I have looked at lots of history books in libraries in Virginia, West Virginia, and Salt Lake City and this one is by far the best yet. I like the fact that you put the submitters names plus addresses. Thanks for such a wonderful book.

Jean BAILEY-ALLEN

Just as everyone has reported...the book is beautiful. There goes my work day!!!! Must stop and read.. Thanks so much for all your hard, long hours, Joy and staff. I already learned something about my Henry STEINBECK that I had never heard before.

Shirley TOOHEY

I have read a lot of the book. What a legacy you are leaving...it is so beautifully laid out--I am so glad I bought one for each of my sons...this book pictures and speaks of a life fast disappearing...it captures so much of the pioneering spirit and I want them to know how proud I am to be a West Virginian at heart and by birth. All you have to do is look at the faces in the book to see the values left us...honesty, faith, loyalty, hard work and such pride plus much more. I'm so glad you took the time to "get it right." My only flickering thought is there are so many good people not there. I am really pleased with the pictures...I was anxious about those of my family. Good job!! What's next?

Alice KALLMERTEN

Just a note to add our congratulations on the great work of editing and putting this book together. A very valuable history and follow-up to your first volume. Am sure there were many headaches and problems that only you and the helpers can relate to. Now you can enjoy the pride and satisfaction that comes from all your labors in this endeavor.

Rex and Ann HUTSON

Civil War Prisoners At Camp Chase, Columbus, Ohio 1861-1862

by James L. Murphy
The Ohio Historical Society

The following was extracted by HCPD member Penny THOMAS from *OHIO, The Cross Road of our Nation, Records & Pioneer Families* July-September 1982, Volume XXIII, a publication of the Ohio Genealogical Society, 419 West Third Street, P.O. Box 2625, Mansfield, Ohio 44906. Prisoners identified as being captured in Kentucky have not been included in this listing for the sake of brevity. Names in this list are not included in the Index. *Editorial Staff*

Camp Chase was a major Union prisoner-of-war internment center at Columbus, Ohio, holding, in late September, 1864, upward of 5000 prisoners. There are only two surviving registers of Confederate prisoners at Camp Chase, both now housed in the Archives-Library Division of The Ohio Historical Society. One is an indexed volume of some 150 pages. The other is a smaller notebook containing some 430 names, often with the date of release, transfer, or death, with various other notes. None of these names appear in the more extensive indexed register and are published here for the first time.

Most of the prisoners were captured in West Virginia or Kentucky. Not all were soldiers. A notable political prisoner was Augustus James MOREY (No. 144), who was paroled in October, 1861 (not 1863 as stated in the register) and "Didn't return." Morey, editor of the *Cynthiana, Kentucky, News*, gave a highly colored account of his prison life and "escape" which may be found in Series II, Volume I of the *Official Records of the War of the Rebellion*. In this account, Morey states that "Among the prisoners were, from Maysville, Ky., Hon. R.H. STANTON, Isaac NELSON, W.B. CASTO, Mr. THOMAS, John HALL, A.D. HURT, and George W. FORRESTER, proprietor and editor of the Maysville Express; also Lieut. A.O. BRUMMELL of the Confederate Army from Richmond, Va., Colonel FERGUSON and Henry MARTIN from Western Virginia and quite a number of other officers...Judge J.R. CURRY, judge of the Harrison County court; Perry WHERRET, clerk of the same court, and W.B. Clave, sheriff of the same county, and myself were arrested at Cynthiana..." Most but not all of these names appear in this register.

1. Frederick D. BERIHRIG? 11-20-1861. By order of Genl. ROSECRANS
2. Alfred S. COE
3. John W. COFFMAN
4. James E. DENT 10-22-1861. Delivered to U.S. Marshall, of Va. G. order.
5. Col. Milton J. FERGUSON 12-14-1861. Sent to Gov. PIERPONT on order of Gen. Rosecrans for trial.
6. Levi HOPKINS 10-22-1861. Delivered to U.S. Marshall of Va. order of

- Gen. Rosecrans.
7. Robert S. HOLDERLY 12-14-1861. Sent to Gov. Pierpont on order of Gen. Rosecrans for trial.
8. J.W. IRVINE
9. A.W. JONES 12-25-1861. Discharged by order of Genl. Rosecrans.
10. David H. KETTLE. Discharged by order of Genl. Rosecrans 12-26-1861.
11. A.C. KENNEDY 12-14-1861. Sent to Gov. Pierpont by order of Genl.

- Rosecrans for trial.
12. W.A. KELLY
13. John A. LUSBY
14. Henry T. MARTIN
15. J.A. POINDEXTER
16. Wm. SNYDER
17. Anderson WINDSER
18. Wm. H. WISE 12-26-1861. Discharged by order of Genl. Rosecrans.
19. James A. PARK 10-22-1861. Delivered to Marshall of Western Va. by order of Genl. ROSECRANS.
20. James G. BOWDEN
21. Dr. F.W. COOPER. Letter of wife sent Gen. MITCHELL 10-31. 12-30-1861. Discharged by order of Genl. Rosecrans to live in Ohio.
22. Wm. B. CRITTENDEN
23. Leon DRAIPRISE
24. John W. FARLEY
25. Chas. E. HACKETHORN
26. N.G. HOLMES
27. J.A. HARWOOD 12-19-1861. Discharged by order of Genl. Rosecrans.
28. Miles JACOBY 12-12-1861. Sent to Gov. PIERPONT ordered by Rosecrans.
29. Frederick RIZOR 11-6-1861. Delivered to U.S. Marshall Western Va. by order of Gen. ROSECRANS.
30. John LOCKWOOD
31. James NELSON
32. R.H. ROUSEY
33. J.W. INGAL 11-6-1861. Delivered to U.S. Marshall Western Va. by order of Genl. ROSECRANS.
34. D.H. YOUNG 11-6-1861. Delivered to U.S. Marshall Western Va. by order of Genl. ROSECRANS.
35. Dennis BONER
36. Jonathan DUNBAR
37. Allen ENRING (EWING?)
38. J.R. HILL
39. John HOPKINS
40. J.D. KING
41. H.J. McCLUNG
42. Henry MORRIS
43. Wm. B. MORRIS
44. John S. ROBINSON
45. Chas. ROACH 12-25-1861. Sent to Wheeling by order of Genl. Rosecrans.
46. Jacob STULL
47. Samuel SPARR
48. J.N. THOMPSON
49. Esau VINT
50. C.E. WEHLING
51. Dr. Isaac N. BOUSE. Statement of Dr. WIRTH sent Gen. Mitchell 10-31-1861. 11-23 discharged on parole by Gen. Rosecrans.
52. W.J. BRADSHAW
53. Hezekiah BENNETT
54. Granville BENNETT
55. Saml. JONES
56. John J. KEITH 12-25-1861. Discharged by order of Genl. Rosecrans.
57. John M. LONG Discharged 10-11-1861 by order of Gen. Rosecrans by Gen. HILL.
58. J.R. LAVENDER
59. John MALCOM
60. Jessee W. MILLER 10-22-1861. Died & buried in Columbus north grave yard.
61. Isaac S. MILLER
62. James MOSS
63. George W. MOSS
64. George D. McCARTNEY
65. W.H. PETERSON
66. Saml. B. SMITH
67. D.W. WHITMORE
68. Clark WARNER
69. Moses ALBRIGHT
70. Lewis COLLINS
71. Augustus CANTLEY
72. Benjamin T. ERWINE
73. John ENLOW
74. Daniel GEARHEART
75. William H. HORTON
76. Harrison HORTON
77. Robert HUDSON
78. Jackson HALSTEIN
79. W.H. LONG
80. W.S. WEEKS
81. John NEWCOMB 12-14-1861. Sent to Gov. Pierpont by order of Genl. Rosecrans for trial in U.S. District Ct. Va.
82. G.N. NUMELLY
83. Wesley SAMSON
84. Joel VARNER 12-24-1861. Died.
85. Robert WHITT
86. Henry WOOLFORD
87. John H. WOOD
88. Lewis CONYER?
89. Tunis COGER? 11-2-1861. Died of Typhoid Fever.
90. John W. CART
91. Edward CAMPBELL
92. Lewis S. FERRILL

93. W.B. **FERRILL**
94. James M. **GRAY** 12-14-1861. Sent to Gov. Pierpont for trial by order of Genl. **ROSECRANS**.
95. Wm. **HAMILTON** 12-14-1861. Sent to Gov. Pierpont for trial by order of Genl. Rosecrans.
96. Geo. W. **LOUKS?**
97. Chas. **MAGBY**
98. George W. **NICKOLS**
99. Thomas W. **FILMAN** 12-30-1861. Discharged by order of Genl. Rosecrans.
100. Kinney **WARD** 12-25-1861. Discharged by order of Genl. Rosecrans.
101. Daniel **HARRIS**
102. M.D. **RUCKMAN**
103. Absolom **STALNAKER**
104. Lewis **SNYDER**
105. G.W. **STINNETT** 12-28-1861. Died.
106. David R. **VANBIBER**
107. John **VANBIBER**
108. John A. **WARE**
109. George W. **VANCE**
110. Isaac **LIMBERS** 12-30-1861. Discharged by order of Genl. Rosecrans.
111. Fransic A. **MEEKS** 12-25-1861. Discharged by order of Genl. Rosecrans.
112. George J. Shannon 12-10-1861. Discharged by order of Sec'y **SEWARD**.
113. W.A. **BALES**
114. Christian **FURY**
115. John E. **HESTER**
116. G.W. **LAMPERT**
117. Thomas J. **ROFFLE**
118. W.D. **ROFFLE**
119. G.W. **RICHARDS**
120. Christian **SMITH**
121. J.A. **THORNBLY**
122. Jesse H. **WEST**
123. Lt. J.D. **BARNETT**
124. Lt. A.O. **BRUMMEL**
125. Wesly **BOGGS**
126. George S. **CONWAY** 11-19-1861. Discharged by order of Genl. **KELLY**.
127. Jerome H. **DAFF**
128. Dr. D.D. **DAVIDSON** 12-4-1861. Discharged by order of Gen. **BUEL**.
129. W.H. **GIBSON** Sergeant Major
130. D.C. **GIBSON**
131. George F. **HERNDON** 12-30-1861. Discharged by order of Genl. Rosecrans.
132. Lewis **SANSFORD**
133. Robert **McCROY** 12-25-1861. Discharged by order of Genl. Rosecrans.
134. Riley **RIZOR**
135. Riley **TANNER**
136. John **CAVENDISH**
137. John L. **CALDWELL** (miner) 1 Oct. 10-27-1861. Discharged by order of Genl. **MITCHELL**.
138. Franklin **HEEP**
139. John J. **HALSTEAD**
140. Jos. **GREEN**
141. Perry? **AMICK**
142. Jones **McCUTCHEN**
143. Joseph A. **HALSTEAD**
144. Augustus James **MOREY** Oct. 1 Ky. '63. 10-26 Parole of 10 days given by order of Genl. Mitchell on taking oath of allegiance. Didn't return.
205. Oliver **BUTLER** Oct 25 Clay Co. Va.
206. Franklin **KELLY** Oct 25 Calhoun Co. Va.
207. George **CARTE** Oct 25 Braxton Co. Va. 12-25-1861 Sent to Wheeling by order of Genl. Rosecrans.
208. Jordan **WILSON** Oct 25 Nikolas Co. Va.
209. Solomon **TAYLOR** Oct 25 Nikolas Co. Va.
210. Chas P. **McCLUNG** Oct 25 Nikolas Co. Va.
211. Wm. **ROGERS** Oct 25 Nikolas Co. Va. 12-14-1861. Sent to Gov. **PIERPONT** for trial by order of Genl. Rosecrans
212. James **CADLE** Oct. 25 Nikolas Co. Va.
213. Calvin S. **WARNER** Oct 25 Nikolas Co. Va.
214. Abraham **HINKLE** Oct 27 Charleston Va. by Col. **TYLER**.
215. Geo. W. **THOMPSON** Oct 27 Charleston Va. by Col. **TYLER**.
216. Earheart **CLEMMONS** Oct 27 Charleston Va. by Col. Tyler.
217. Francis **ROSS** Oct 27 Charleston Va. by Col. Tyler.
218. S.F. **HICKS** Oct 27 Charleston Va. In arms?
219. Charles L. **ROGERS** Oct 27 Charleston Va. In arms?
220. Solomon **ROSS** Oct 27 Charleston Va. In arms?
221. L. **ROGERS** Oct 27 Charleston Va. In arms?
222. David **CLEMONS** Oct 27 Charleston Va. In arms?
223. Jackson **MUNCY** Oct 27 Charleston Va. In arms?
224. J.D. **BARNETT** Oct 27 Charleston Va. In

arms?

225. David **NUTLEN** Oct 27 Charleston 273.
- George **VALENTINE** Nov 1 Western Va.
274. Lewis **JONES** Nov 4 Charleston Va.
275. V.A. **HEWS** Nov 4 Charleston Va.
276. W.P. **BRUCE** Nov 4 Charleston Va.
277. W.D. **CARDER** Nov 4 Charleston Va.
278. Nathan **BARNETT** Nov 4 Charleston Va.
279. George **LEVERY** Nov 4 Charleston Va.
280. Washington **SIDENSTUCKER** Nov 4 Charleston Va.
281. William **ALLEN** Nov 7 Charleston Va. 12-25-1861. Discharged by order of Genl. **ROSECRANS**.
282. James **VICKERS** Nov 7 Charleston Va.
283. Ballard **SMITH** Nov 7 Charleston Va.
284. Washington M. **WILSON** Nov 7 Charleston Va. 12-25-1861. Discharged by order of Genl. Rosecrans.
285. Miles **MARTIN** Nov 7 Charleston Va. 12-15-1861. Discharged by order of Genl. Rosecrans.
286. James M. **MOORE** Nov 7 Charleston Va.
287. W. **MURPHEY** Nov 7 Charleston Va.
288. Columbus **PARSONS** Nov 7 Va.
289. Wm. **ALLEN** Nov 7 Va. 12-25-1861. Discharged by order of Genl. Rosecrans.
290. Wm. T. **WHITE** Nov 7 Va.
291. James **SMITH** Nov 7 Va.
292. Geo. **HENDRICKSON** Nov 7 Va.
293. John **TANNER** Nov 7 Va.
294. Thos. W. **MILLER** Nov 7 Va.
295. Richard C. **HUGHS** Nov 7 Va.
296. Jeremiah **BUTLER** Nov 7 Va.
297. Caleb **SHACKELFORD** Nov 7 Va.
298. Charles D. **ARNOLD** Nov 7 Va.
299. Wm. C. **BRAMBLETT** Nov 7 Va.
300. Chas. D. **ARNY** Nov 7 Va.
301. Elijah **TANNER** Nov 7 Va.
302. Charles G. **HANSFORD** Nov 7 Va. 12-23-1861. Discharged by order of Genl. Rosecrans.
303. David H. **GILMORE** Nov 7 Va. 12-23-1861. Discharged by order of Genl. Rosecrans.
304. Abraham **PARSONS** Nov 7 Va. 12-23-1861. Dishcharged by order of Genl. Rosecrans.
305. James **GUM?** Nov 7 Va. 12-23-1861.
306. George **THOMPSON** Nov 7 Va.
307. Albert **THOMPSON** Nov 7 Va.
308. Nathaniel **STEELE** Nov 7 Va.
309. S.E. **SPRAQUE** Nov 12 Lewis Co. Va.
310. Wm. **BENNETT** Nov 12 Lewis Co. Va.
311. H. **LOUTHER** Nov 12 Lewis Co. Va.
312. Arch. **COOL**. Nov 12 Webster Co. Va.
313. J.B. **COOL** Nov 12 Webster Co Va. 12-17-1861. Died.
314. Asa **FISHER** Nov 12 Webster Co. Va.
315. Henry **BOGGS** Nov 12 Braxton Co. Va.
316. Cain **VANDEVENDER** Nov 12 Braxton Co. Va.
317. David **LAKE** Nov 12 Upshur Co. Va.
318. James V. **COLEMAN** Nov 13 Gauly Va.
319. Jacob V. **COLEMAN** Nov 13 Gauly Va.
320. Solomon **MULENAUX** Nov 15 Wirt Co. Private 30 yrs. old.
321. Henry **STANLY** Nov 15 Wirt Co. Va. Private 22 yrs. old.
322. John **LOUTHER** Nov 15 Wirt Co. Va. Private 29 yrs. old.
323. William **MONROE** Nov 15 Wirt Co. Va. Private 69 yrs. old.
324. David **DEVER** Nov 15 Wirt Co. Va. 63 yrs. private.
325. Robert **TUCKER** Nov 15 Wirt Co. Va. 24 yrs. private.
326. Levi **COE** Nov 15 Wirt Co. Va. 39 yrs. private.
327. James W. **DEEVER** Nov 15 Wirt Co. Va. 30 yrs. private.
328. Henderson **PETTY** Nov 15 Wirt Co. Va. 24 yrs. private.
329. Clement T. **MORGAN** Nov 15 Wirt Co. Va. 24 yrs. private.
330. W.P. **COX** Nov 15 Wirt Co. Va. 31 yrs. private.
331. Thos. **MORROW** Nov 15 Wirt Co. Va 25 yrs.
332. Dr. J. **DERRIS?** Nov 15 Wirt Co. Va. 36 yrs.
333. James **SHAFER** Nov 15 "Red House" Va.
334. John **HANSON** Nov 15 "Red House" Va.
335. Robert **DILLON** Nov 15 "Red House" Va.
336. J.A. **TEMPLETON** Nov 15 "Red House" Va.
337. J.E. **WILKINSON** Nov 15 "Red House" Va.
338. E.T. **ELLIS** Nov 15 "Red House" Va.
339. M. **TORNEY** Nov 15 "Red House" Va. 12-17-1861. Sent to Gov. **PIERPONT** for trial on order of Genl. Rosecrans.
340. J.M. **BLEDON** Nov 15 "Red House" Va.
341. G.P. **BROWN** (may be mistake) Nov 15 "Red House" Va.

342. John **WIN** Nov 15 "Red House" Va.
 343. B. **McCOY** Nov 15 Red House Va.
 344. A.J. **ASHLAND** Nov 15 Red House Va.
 345. James **PARISH** Nov 15 Red House Va.
 346. C. **KEATING** Nov 15 Red House Va.
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 348. Wm. **SERES** Nov 15 Red House Va.
 349. Peter **BLEDSON** Nov 15 Red House Va.
 350. A. **CHAPMAN** Nov 15 Red House Va.
 351. H. **BELL** Nov 15 Red House Va.
 352. A. **REYNOLDS** Nov 15 Red House Va.
 353. Henry H. **MILLER** (influential) Nov 16
 Guyandotte Va. Cabal Co.
 12-1861. Discharged by order of Genl.
ROSECRANS.
 354. Jacob **BAUMGARDNER** Nov 16
 Guyandotte Va. Cabal Co.
 355. Henry W. **BAUMGARDNER** Nov 16
 Guyandotte Va Cabal Co.
 356. John W. **HITE** (influential) Nov 16
 Guyandotte Va. 12-21-1861.
 Discharged by order of Genl. Rosecrans.
 357. Elijah **RICKETTS** Nov 16 Guyandotte.
 358. E.H. **WALTON** Nov 16 Guyandotte 12-
 21-1861. Discharged by order of
 Genl. Rosecrans.
 359. Absalom **CHAPMAN** Nov 16
 Guyandotte
 360. Edward D. **SMITH** Nov 15 Guyandotte
 Va. 12-21-1861. Discharged by
 order of Genl. Rosecrans.
 361. James **STEWART** Nov 15 Guyandotte
 Va.
 362. Saml. **RUSSEL** Nov 15 Guyandotte Va.
 363. John **ONG** Nov 15 Guyandotte Va.
 364. George **RUSSEL** Nov 15 Guyandotte Va.
 365. H.M. **THORNBURY** Nov 15 Guyandotte
 Va.
 366. Peter **EVERETT** Nov 20 Guyandotte Va.
 367. Chas. **EVERETT** Nov 20 Guyandotte
 Va.
 368. David **FRAMPTON** Nov 20 Guyandotte
 Va.
 369. Robert **REYNOLDS** Nov 20 Guyandotte
 Va.
 370. Stephen **STROTHER** Nov 20
 Guyandotte Va.
 371. W.C. **ROGERS** Nov 20 Guyandotte Va.
 372. S. Hope Dec 10 Grafton
 373. D. **HOOPER** Dec 12 Tennessee Reg.
 374. J.S. **GROVES** Dec 12 Tennessee Reg.
 12-23-1861. Discharged by order of
 Adj. Gen. U.S.
 375. S.L. **RICHARDSON** Dec 12 Tennessee
 Reg.
 376. John H. **GEIGER** Dec 19 Western Va.
 377. Jas. E. **SOWDER** Dec 19.
 378. Joseph J. **DUNN** Dec 19 Western Va.
 Rosecrans.
 379. Pierson **WETZEL** Dec 19 Western Va.
 Rosecrans.
 380. Elijah **FASSING** Dec 19 Western Va.
 Rosecrans.
 381. Solomon **SIMMONS** Dec 19 Western
 Va. Rosecrans.
 382. Wm. F. **MILLER** Dec 19 Western Va.
 Rosecrans.
 383. Martin **STONER** Dec 19 Western Va.
 Rosecrans.
 384. Hume **YOUNG** Dec 19 Kentucky.
 Rosecrans.
 385. 1st Sergeant **ASHBELL** James Dec 19 31
 Va. Reg.
 386. George **COYNER** (2nd Corporal) 52 Va.
 Reg.
 387. Wm. **PAUGH** (2nd Corporal) 25 Va.
 Reg.
 388. James **HALL** Braxton Co. Private
 389. James **McGILDIN** 31 Barbour Co.
 390. Uria **WARD** 12 Georgia Private.
 391. Saml. M. **MOSES** 52 Va.
 392. Francis M. **FRANKS** 12 Georgia.
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 395. Armstrong R. **SILLINGS** 52 Va. Augusta
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 398. Davis H. **CAMPBELL** 31 Va. Highland
 399. Amos **THOMPSON** 31 Va. Pendleton
 400. John T. **McCUTCHEON** 25 Va.
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 403. Charles **PHILIPS** (citizen) 12-28-1861.
 Died.
 404. William W. **BENSON** (2 Sergeant) 31 Va.
 Reg.
 405. William **LANIER** (4th Sergt.) 12 Georgia
 Reg.
 406. Jonas W. **CHEIR** 31 Va. Reg.
 407. James J. **BLANKENSHIP** Va.
 408. Perry M. **GOLBERT** 31 Reg.
 409. Mathias **ABEL** 52 Aug.
 410. William L. **FORBET** 12 Georgia
 411. Laban **REXROAD** 31 Va.
 412. Hamilton **SHIPLET** 52 Va.
 413. Dolbeir **KELLY** (mail carrier) Va.
 414. Thomas B. **JOHNSON** Col.
 415. J.H. **SHARP** (mail carrier) Va.

416. Jac. STIERN (Guerilla Leader Mail carrier?) Va.
 417. Lt. John L. HURT Va.
 418. Capt. J.W. FOSTER Va.
 423. Jeremiah D. LILLAN 12-29-1861
 424. Dr. A. SAYLES 12-29-1861.
 425. J.D. SPENCER 12-29-1861.
 426. D.C. LILLARD 12-29-1861.
 427. Thos. MURPHY 12-29-1861.
 428. T.M. MERRILL 12-29-1861.
 430. Martin SMITH Va. 7-40 Gen. Rosecrans.
 431. Alfred STARCHER Va. 7-4
 432. Philip STARCHER Va. 7-3 Gen. Rosecrans.
 433. George STALTMAN Va. 7-3.
 434. Richard FARRELL Va. 7-3.

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H.T. MARTIN 12-21-1861.
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 John ENLOW 12-31-1861.
 Lewis COLLINS 12-31-1861
 Hezekiah BENNETT 12-25-1861.
 C.L. ROGERS 12-25-1861.
 A. KITTLE 12-26-1861.
 W.H. WISE 12-26-1861
 R. LINDILL? 12-26-1861
 W. McCREA 12-26-1861.
 Dr. T.W. COOPER 12-30-1861.
 Geo. T. HERNDEN 12-30-1861.
 Thos. W. TILMAN 12-30-1861.
 Isaac LIMBER 12-30-1861.
 Caleb SHACKELFORD 12-31-1861.
 M. ESHELMAN 1-1-1862.
 J.A. STEWART 1-1-1862.
 Orr REYNOLDS 1-1-1862.
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Robert REYNOLDS
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 C. KETSON
 John A. TANNER
 Elijah TANNER
 T.W. MILLER

W.H. CYRUS
 H.W. BAUMGARDNER
 Emerson CHAPMAN

Released on oath of allegiance & giving security for good behavior Jan'y 6, 1862

David DEAVER
 John LOCKWOOD
 Lewis SNYDER
 Harrison LOUTHER
 C.C. PARSONS
 R.H. DILLON
 H. D. BARNETT
 John BARNETT
 C.C. COVER
 John W. FARLEY
 R.H. FARLEY
 H.H. ROUSEY

Released from Camp Chase Jan'y 9, 1862 by order of Genl. Rosecrans

Jacob STULL
 G.W. HENDRICKSON
 W.T. WHITE
 Riley TANNER
 Absalom STALNAKER
 Tunis COGER
 Geo. W. LOUCKE
 Geo. D. McCARTNEY
 Wesly BOGGS
 Geo. W. VANCE
 Matthew BRIGHT
 Geo. A. DAVIS
 John N. WARE
 Geo. S. GROVES
 M.D. BUCKMAN
 Saml. CHANNEL, died Dec. 28, 1862.

Released by Gen. Rosecrans Jan'y 10, 1862

D.C. VANBIBBER
 John VANBIBBER
 John DUNN
 Richard McIntire
 W.B. MOORE
 John CAVENDISH
 Jones McCUTCHEON
 Geo. W. NICKOLS
 Thos. L. MARION
 Geo. W. STALLMAN

Philip STARCHER, Jr.
 T.M. MALCOMB
 Jos. S. ARNOLD
 A.J. STARCHER
 C. VANDIVENDER
 John MALCOLM
 Jos. A. MOSS
 Geo. W. MOSS
 Saml. JONES
 E.C. WARNER

Geo. P. BROWN
 Blackburn McCROY?
 Jas. H. SCHAFER
 Enos T. ELLIS
 Math. TEMPLESON
 Pet. BLEDSOE
 Jos. BLEDSOE
 Nath. STREET
 C.D. HACKERTHORN
 W.S. KELLY

Sent to Wheeling for trial, Jan'y 10, 1862
 by Genl. Rosecrans

HCPD and Computers- "Like Having a Magic Carpet"

A message from Joan HAMANN WILLIAMS to Joy STALNAKER

Hi, Joy,

When computers first started making themselves known, I thought they'd probably never catch on. Now, having this computer my daughter gave me when she upgraded to a higher level, has been like having a magic carpet. Then, when I joined HCPD, it opened up another world. I started "throwing questions out" as if I was putting notes in a bottle and tossing the bottle in the ocean. I STILL can't get over the almost immediate responses from people, with information or suggestions where info might be found.

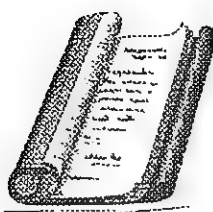
I had put a couple of queries in the Journal this time. Would you believe that before I had I even received my issue, we had our first response? Have met new "cousins," and a brick wall I thought was insurmountable is starting to crumble. What would I do without HCPD? It has opened SO MANY doors. And, then there are people like you and Ruth who always seem to go the "extra mile" to give help, advice and information. Bless you both.

Of course, I'm not giving up [on visiting West Virginia] - who knows? I might win Lotto yet. (Yeah, I know --- "and pigs fly" - right?) Have received my first replies with attachments - so guess the old dog is gonna have to learn some new tricks -- my daughter says she will come over this weekend and teach me how to "download" such things. Like I've said before -- it's a bad day when I don't learn something new. Thanks, Joy, for all the good things you have helped HCPD accomplish.

Best, Joan

Jots from joy (continued from page 151)

No year can come to a close without a thank you to all who have made the work we have done possible. Every time I begin to mention names I leave someone out; therefore, this time I'm going to refrain and give a general THANK YOU to each and EVERYONE who has done ANYTHING to make the 1999-2000 year a success. You know who you are . . . you may have given money; you may have given time; your deed might have been miniscule, but it might have been large. Whatever, whichever, the officers, the board of directors, Buzz (our Journal layout editor), Sara (our HCPD-L list keeper), Ruth (office manager/secretary), the volunteers, and I join together to say THANK YOU. Without you, we could not be; more importantly, without you, we would not have a reason to be. Blessings to each of you in 2001!



Sketches of Old

A series of sketches of Central West Virginia people found in History of West Virginia Old and New, Volume 1, by James Morton Callahan, 1923. Page 240

Charles E. Hodges

CHARLES EDWARD HODGES, only son of the eminent West Virginia educator and banker, the late Thomas Edward **HODGES**, has in a brief but intensely active career proved the possession of many of the admirable qualities which distinguished his father. The son made a fine record as a soldier and officer with the Expeditionary Forces in France, was abroad nearly two years, and not long after his return to Morgantown he bought and is editor and publisher of *The New Dominion*, the leading morning newspaper.

Charles Edward **HODGES** was born in Huntington, West Virginia, September 27, 1892. He graduated from Morgantown High School in 1909, from West Virginia University with the A. B. degree in 1913, and also did post-graduate work in international law and diplomacy.

From 1913 until May, 1917, his duties were those of a reporter and editor for local Morgantown newspapers. He was one of the early volunteers for service when America entered the war with Germany. He enlisted as a private in Company A of the Fifth Reserve Engineers at Pittsburgh, July 1, 1917, with this command he went overseas, and was on duty in France for twenty-two and a half months. In October, 1917, he was promoted to sergeant and in March, 1918, was sent to the Army Candidates School at Langres in Haute Marne District, where he graduated with the rank of second lieutenant of infantry, in July, 1918, he was assigned to the 359th Infantry, 90th Division, but later transferred to the 143rd Infantry of the 36th Division. With this command he participated in the Meuse-Argonne campaign, in the offensive action along the Champaign front, and before the armistice was promoted from first lieutenant to captain. After the armistice he remained with the 36th Division until that command returned home on June 1, 1919. During the Meuse-Argonne fighting he was cited in orders of the French Army Corps, with which his division was operating, and was recommended for the Croix de Guerre. Before returning home Captain **HODGES** was offered a place on the United States Food Commission at Berlin, but declined that opportunity for service in order to return home, the health of his father being then very critical. For about a year he looked after his father's interests and in November, 1919, with R. H. Jarvis, bought *The News Dominion*, one of the newspapers with which he had been employed in former years. He is now president of *The Dominion News Company*, a publishing company, and has active charge of the editorial and general business management of this influential newspaper.

Captain **HODGES** attended the National Democratic Convention in San Francisco in 1920, and was a member of the headquarters staff of John W. Davis, candidate for the nomination for president. He is a member of the various Masonic bodies at Morgantown, including Morgantown Union Lodge No. 4, Morgantown Commandery No. 18, Knights Templar, Morgantown Lodge of Perfection No. 6, of which he was secretary, and is also a member of West Virginia Consistory and Osiris Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Wheeling. He is a member of the West Virginia Alpha Chapter of the Phi Kappa Psi college fraternity. Captain **HODGES** was representative of the 36th Division in the meeting in Paris, France, where the American Legion was formally organized, and since his return home he has been executive official of Morgantown Post No. 410. He served as president of the Morgantown Rotary Club for 1921-22.

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FAMILY COMPETITION 2000



At the 2000 HCPD *Gathering* in August, Mary CREAMER announced the HCPD "Family Competition 2000." Objectives of the competition are threefold:

- (1) To introduce members to others with the same family or families in their ancestry, giving them the opportunity to share/trade information. This will be particularly helpful for members not on the e-mail "List."
- (2) To spread the word about HCPD and its benefits, encouraging new members to join.
- (3) To give each participant the opportunity to give something back to HCPD in return for the rewards they reap from the association.

The procedure is:

- 1) Submit an ancestral family name (surname) with which you would like to be grouped...select as many as you wish, but be sure to specify to which family group you want your donations credited. You may wish to make your donations to the larger family group so it would have a better chance to win the competition for total donations. Submissions should be made to Mary CREAMER by e-mail at GodivaM@westco.net, or by postal mail at 529 Madison Avenue, Morgantown, WV 26501.
- 2) Group members will be notified of all other participants in the same family. Information shared will include names, addresses, and e-mail.
- 3) Participants may volunteer to be a family group leader for the year or the group may elect someone to be the leader.
- 4) During the year starting August 10, 2000, see how many people you can convince to join HCPD. Submit those names to either your group leader or to Mary CREAMER. Be sure to indicate the family group(s).
- 5) Also during the year, see how many family group members you can get to come to the next *Gathering*.
- 6) Either individually, or together as a family group, or both, engage in something to create funds for HCPD. For example, have a garage, yard or flower sale in your town and donate some or all of the proceeds to HCPD; create something...a craft, a piece of artwork, a fantastic batch of cookies...sell it locally or on the Internet or wherever and donate the proceeds to HCPD. When you submit your contribution, be sure to tell to which family group you belong and notify your family group leader.
- 7) At the next *Gathering*, three family awards will be given: one for the family which brought in the most new members; one for the family which has the most members at the *Gathering*; and one for the family which generated the most funds for HCPD. Hopefully, these will be three different families.

Points to remember:

- 1) Be sure that new members notify HCPD which family(ies) they are in.
- 2) Be sure your family members who attend the *Gathering* indicate their family group when they register.
- 3) Family group leaders on the HCPD e-mail "List" are encouraged to periodically post the group's accomplishments. Group leaders not on the "List" may send their updates to Mary CREAMER and she will post them as appropriate.

A Rainy Day on Glady Fork: A Sims, Hinzman, Reeder Story

submitted by Joy Gilchrist STALNAKER

The zenith of more than twenty years of family history research for Jim SIMS of Charleston and his sister, Elizabeth SIMS LAYTON, of Clarksburg, came on a rainy Saturday in May 2000. They, together with several cousins, dedicated a Confederate grave marker at the grave of their great grandfather, Alfred Sims. The grave is in a wooded cemetery high on a hill on Glady Fork of Big Skin Creek. The cemetery, called both Glady Fork and Reeder in early county records, overlooks one of the handicapped loading ramps on the backwaters of Stonewall Jackson Lake.

Family history is one of the most popular of hobbies in today's world. Some family researchers are happy to just know the names of their ancestors and perhaps their birth and death dates and places; these folks will usually gather their data together in some old scrappy notebook or on their computer and put it away for "someday." Others strive to put "more meat on the bones" of the family and are genealogy "junkies." Jim could be called a "junkie."

Although he had spent years working on the family and had compiled a small book about them, he knew only that Alfred Sims, a wounded veteran of Company C, 31st Virginia Infantry, was buried "somewhere in the Reeder Cemetery" after his death in 1891. He was certain that the location of his ancestor's grave was lost with the death of his grandfather, A. Lawson Sims, in 1956.

The location of the grave surfaced when a large ledger book containing the names of county veterans and maps to their burial sites was unearthed by Otis REED, historian of American Legion Post #4, Weston, in mid-1999. The book, created by some as yet unidentified Legionnaire, had its last entry in December 1940.

REED, realizing the importance of the book and having an ulterior motive in mind, shared a copy of the book with Joy GILCHRIST-STALNAKER, executive director of the Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants. Then, REED and GILCHRIST-STALNAKER, using the book as a starting point, approached the Legion and HCPD about a millennium project to locate the graves of all veterans (war and peacetime) in the county and to mark them with flags. The two, with help from some local volunteers and even the Canton, Ohio, chapter of the Sons of the War of 1812, located nearly 3000 veterans' burials in Lewis County. The project was successfully completed Memorial Day weekend 2000 when nearly a hundred volunteers representing churches, schools, 4-H clubs, CEOS clubs, scouting organizations, and ordinary, everyday citizens spread across the county and placed nearly 3000 flags in 128 graveyards.

While GILCHRIST-STALNAKER was scanning the Legion book, she recognized the name of Alfred SIMS as being the great-grandfather of her husband, Daril W. STALNAKER, and called it to his (Daril's) attention. Daril, like his second cousin, Jim SIMS, until that moment did not know the location of Alfred SIMS' grave. While he recalled attending the funeral of his great-aunt Mary L. SIMS (daughter of Alfred) in

1933 and had a vague idea about the cemetery's location, he knew little more about the cemetery or the people buried there.

The next day, a Saturday, the Stalnakers, armed with a reading of the cemetery taken by Hartzel **STRADER** in the 1980s and with help from people living on Glady Fork, visited the cemetery. They found it by going through a locked gate, traveling 1/4 mile up a part-gravel, part-clay rutted road, then making a sharp U-turn straight down two-hundred yard brushy, dirt lane to a sharp turn between some trees into a chain-link fence on property now owned by the Army Corps of Engineers as part of the Stonewall Jackson Lake project. The cemetery had a few markers, many saplings, some vinca vine, and lots of weeds.



Photo: (L R) Daril W. **STALNAKER**, Kim **MULNEIX**, Carolyn **MULNEIX**, Hazel **REEDER**, Billy **DAFT**, Barbara **DAFT**, Elizabeth **SIMS LAYTON**, Jim **SIMS**, Joy **STALNAKER**, Howard **REEDER**

Now curious about this ancestor and this cemetery, the two Stalnakers began a quest that took them back to the HCPD library resources and a conversation with Howard **REEDER**¹ whose grandparents were also interred in the overgrown burial plot.

Before long they had talked with Howard **REEDER** of Buckhannon Run. Howard, it seemed, together with his late son, Ralph, had cared for the cemetery until 1995 or '96; he would be willing to help clean it up again - but he could only help financially. Others responded similarly. Enlisting help from his twenty-year-old grandson and

¹ Howard is a double-cousin to the Sims. His great-grandfather, Austin **REEDER**, was a brother to Hannah **REEDER**, the wife of Leonard **SIMS** and mother of Albert **SIMS**. Additionally, his grandmother, Philoma **HINZMAN REEDER**, was a sister to Minerva **HINZMAN SIMS**.

Glenville College student, Jeremy **WHITE**, **D. STALNAKER** decided to tackle the initial clean-up himself. The second cleaning, a few weeks later, was done by White with remuneration supplied by two or three interested parties.

Meanwhile, **J. STALNAKER** had acquired the papers to apply for a Confederate marker for **A. SIMS** and begun the necessary research. These markers are supplied by the Veterans Administration for those veterans who meet specific requirements. The person making the request for the marker must pay the cost of setting the stone, however.

About this time, **J. STALNAKER** contacted Layton. Delighted with the news, Layton wasted no time in contacting her brother. Within days, **LAYTON** and her husband, Fred, and **J. SIMS** visited the cemetery and forthwith assumed responsibility for upkeep; and Layton accepted the responsibility for completing the VA request for the stone.

Perhaps the biggest task that Layton faced was determining the exact dates of birth and death for **A. SIMS**. Census and military records were in conflict over his birth date, but the preponderance of evidence, based on census, pointed to 1841. All accounts (the official death record, the newspaper notice, a burial card, and the Legion book) agreed on the month and year of his death (May 1891); no two accounts agreed on the day of death. Family members agreed to inscribe only the years 1841-1891 on the stone. Layton placed the order in January 2000.

That task complete, Layton devoted the rest of the winter and most of the spring to identifying and finding descendants of others who are or might be buried in the cemetery. Among those whom she consulted was **Eddie STALNAKER**, whose grandfather, **Elias STALNAKER**, had deeded the cemetery land to the Louisa Jane Methodist Church in 1905.

The stone was delivered to Kiddy Monument, Weston, and arrangements were made to set the stone on May 24. That happening, by itself, became an event. **E. LAYTON**, **REEDER**, and a neighbor, **Eddie STALNAKER**, joined the memorial company employees to complete the task and do a final clean-up of the cemetery before the holiday. Later the same day, Layton and **J. STALNAKER** decided to hold a special service at 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 28, to dedicate the memorial and commemorate Private Alfred Sims' life. A program was planned and cousins were called. It seemed the perfect time. The weather had been beautiful all week; surely, it would be nice for the service.

It began to rain, a drenching rain, at 10:45 a.m. on Saturday just moments before the last of the invited guests were hauled to the hillside cemetery in 4-wheel drive vehicles. It was a colorful sight: spring-green trees, particularly the huge beech that stands guard in the center of the cemetery, dripping with rain; red silk geraniums on each grave; American flags on the graves of Alfred **SIMS** and Maynard **HINZMAN** (World War I veteran); blue and red and green and white golf umbrellas; yellow and turquoise rain ponchos; multi-colored jackets; and eleven smiling faces.

The solemn service began at precisely 11 a.m. with introductions and a short prayer by **J. STALNAKER**. Michael **PHILIPS**, a member of the McCartney Chapter, Sons

of Union Veterans, Buckhannon, spoke about the War Between the States which took Soldier **SIMS'** life and asked everyone to join him in a salute to the Soldier.

James Lawson **SIMS**, with heartfelt reverence and breaking voice, gave the following address:

"We are here today to dedicate and honor the final resting place of Alfred **SIMS**. We would not be here today if it were not for this man and the fact that on May 21, 1861, my great-grandfather Alfred, along with his brother Gilbert and his first cousin William **SIMS**, went to Clarksburg to sign up for one year with the 31st Regular Virginia Volunteers under the command of Captain U. M. **TURNER**. His cousins, Martin and Blackwell **SIMS**, also served in the war.

"But why would a family from western Virginia with no record of any family ownership of slaves fight for the south? Their great-grandfather, William **SIMS**, had been in the Lewis County area since before 1800 and had lived most of his life on Sims Creek which is now known as McKinney Run. I believe that the reason is that instead of coming from Pennsylvania or the northeast, this family came from Lees Corner, Virginia, and still had a love for the ways of Virginia. But for whatever reason all five sons of two brothers, Leonard and Thomas Sims, fought on the side of the South.

"Evelyn **YEAGER BEARD** in an article on the Civil War written in 1926 says, 'In the fall and winter of 1861-62, the Confederate soldiers camped at Camp Allegheny, my old home place, under the command of Jose (Ed) Johnson. The year of 1861-62 was a cold, rainy year. One of the skirmishes of the Civil War was fought at this point, called Church Hill, or Camp Allegheny. While but a skirmish, it was a hard fought one, and lasted from about 4 a.m. until after 2 p.m. If I remember correctly, nineteen were killed. I remember the shot falling on the roof of our house like hail.'

"The casualty records of Colonel Johnson show that Alfred **SIMS** was shot in both hips on December 13, 1861. Alfred lived; but his brother, Gilbert, died three weeks later. Alfred was declared unfit to bear arms and therefore spent several months as a nurse at the Lynchburg General Hospital #2 in Virginia. He was one of the lucky ones because he returned home after the war and that is why I and my sister Elizabeth stand here today. But just as Gilbert died in the war, 600,000 other men lost their lives in the war and did not return home to have children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. We also honor those brave men and their memory here today.

"When Alfred returned home, he married Manerva **HINZMAN** on April 4, 1867. Their children were William, Mary, Alonzo, James W., Ivy B., Rosa, Eva G., and my grandfather Albert Lawson **SIMS**. I believe that Alfred's wife, Manerva, and his son, James W., are buried somewhere in this cemetery. About the only other thing we know about this man is that he was a farmer and he had blue eyes and light hair and was a member of the Louisa Jane Chapel which is a few hundred years from here.

"On June 6, 1891, on page 4 of the Weston Democrat, it is reported: 'Alfred **SIMS**, a highly respected citizen who was born at Rockford, Harrison County, 56 years of age, and a member of the Methodist Protestant Church, died last Sunday. Mr. Sims' many friends will regret his loss.'

"On behalf of all the sons and daughters of the people who fought in this war, we thank you for all that you gave to our great country and let us also never forget all

of the cousins that we would have today if this war could have been avoided. May the earthly body of Alfred Sims and that of all life's soldiers now rest in piece."

It was raining still --- as though the angels in heaven were shedding their tears for those who had given their lives in the War of Brother against Brother. And cousins Daril and Joy **STALNAKER** (grandson of Alonzo), Carolyn and Kim **MULLNEIX** (granddaughter and great-granddaughter of Rosa May **SIMS LOUGH**), Billy and Barbara **DAFT** (foster grandson of William), James L. and Suzanne **SIMS** (grandson of A. Lawson), Elizabeth **SIMS LAYTON** (granddaughter of A. **LAWSON**), and Howard and Hazel **REEDER** (great-grandson of Minerva **HINZMAN REEDER**'s sister Philoma), together with Philips paused a moment to reflect on the memory of their ancestor.

The service over and pictures taken, everyone returned to the vehicles to begin the return trip to the bottom of the hill. Or so they thought. The Mullneix Jeep was the first to begin to climb the wet trail through the woods to meet the clay road. They made it half-way before encountering difficulty and then failure. The Stalnakers tried before it was decided that further help was needed.

(And where were the cell phones when they were needed? At the bottom of the hill, of course.) Some of the party hiked out and called Pickens Towing for help. They didn't have 4-wheel drive but agreed to attempt the rescue. Soon they, too, were stuck in a very, very deep rut in the clay road. They levered themselves out with the truck's hydraulics, but they knew they could not effect the rescue and had no solutions to offer. They left the scene.

Several suggestions were offered by some of the cousins. None seemed the proper solution. Finally, Billy **DAFT** suggested that someone contact Eddie **STALNAKER** who had a 4-wheel drive tractor. J. Stalnaker was unable to reach him on the cell phone, so she drove her car (which was still at the "hard road") to recruit him. The timing was perfect! E. **STALNAKER** had just returned home from a trip to Buckhannon; had he been contacted earlier, he would not have been available.

He arrived on the scene with his big tractor a'roarin': one quick pass with the brush-hog to make a better path, then he hitched to each vehicle and quickly towed them to the top of the incline where they were able to make it to the paved road on their own.

By the time E. **STALNAKER** arrived, the rain had stopped and, as the last car reached the road, a huge 4-wheel pickup arrived to help. The Pickens Boys had sent them. They were thanked and sent back home.

The cousins parted company then. The smiles that had been in place at the beginning of the day were still very much in evidence. After all, everyone was in it together, no one was at fault, and everyone had had a good time. It was definitely an unforgettable day.

Note: It is known that there are others in this cemetery who do not have markers. A family history/genealogy of the descendants of William and Mary Ann (**WETZEL**) **HINZMAN** is planned for a future issue of the HCJ. This couple appears to be the common link among all of those buried in this cemetery. If you have knowledge of these descendants and would like to share it with others, please contact the author.

BUDGET REPORT

October 1, 1999 - July 30, 2000

Following is the budget report for the year through July 30, 2000. Any questions should be directed to Joy Stalnaker, Executive Director.

	Budget 2000	Actual to Date	
Cemeteries	1400	810	
General	10500	1525	
Copy	3500	1526	
Library Acquisitions	600	7	
Grants			
Sprigg	3000	999	
Fairs & Festivals	500	5000	Expecting another \$5000
LC CVB	500		
Building Fund	2000	14648	
Program Revenue1			
(Gathering, Workshops, etc)	8900	2373	
Dues	39750	25034	
Online surcharge	2000	2086	
Investment income	4100	3128	
Special event income (yard sales, etc)	3000	5339	
Sale of pubs	32700	54298	Includes 25104 escrow for new book
Shipping/handling	1500	2103	
Misc. income	600	665	
Loan		45000	
Total income	114550	164541	
 Grants/Programs			
Library Acquisitions	1500	1662	
Cemetery Maintenance	1400	555	
History Brochures	5000		
Online	700	876	
Salaries & Taxes	39180	28933	
Occupancy			
Insurance	2068	1469	
Heat	3300	3733	
Electric	2600	1539	
Water	184	182	
Telephone	2400	1936	
Trash	paid for year	177	
Pest Control	280	710	
Snow removal		100	
Building repairs		32266	
Print Journals, UTC	10800	11055	
Postage	3825	4866	
Service Fees	950	1073	
Copier Maintenance	3800	6589	
Office Supplies	1250	2514	
Other Supplies	600	2856	
Licenses	25	10	
Computer repairs/Expenses	1000	743	
Computer payments	1080	5168	
Copier Lease	1346	1131	
Reader-printer lease	1438	5038	Paid off reader-printer
Membership/other orgs	150	135	
Conference attendance	400	192	
Seminar Expenses/dinners, etc.	4500	3401	
Cost of Merchandise & Pubs/resale	18000	38388	Includes \$26000 paid to date on 2 history books
 Advertising brochures	500	223	
Misc. Expenses	2904	3339	Includes \$1961 pay-off on credit card
Capital Improvements/Butcher Layfield	3370	3370	
Total	114550	164229	

BUDGET - 2001

Beginning balance in checking/savings*		9600
Income		
Donations/Cemeteries	1200	
General Donations	1500	
Building Fund Donations	6000	
Copy Donations	2050	
Library Donations for Acquisitions	360	
Grants	7000	
Program Revenue (Workshops & Seminars)	3750	
Dues (based on membership of 1000)	33250	
HCPD-L Online	2500	
Investment income	3555	
Special Event income - Jubilee, raffles, dinners	3750	
Publication Sales/not including 2 history books	26000	
Crossroad Sales	30000	
People and Places Sales	36000	
Shipping & Handling	5000	
Total income 2000-2001 fiscal year	161915	171515
Expenses		
Books, microfilm, other library acquisitions	3500	
Misc. grants	5200	
Internet access/website	2000	
Cemetery Maintenance	800	
Salaries/includes SS & Workers Comp*	40964	
Building Repairs/foundation work	4000	
Insurance	2500	
Heat	3480	
Electric	1850	
Water	200	
Telephone	2050	
Trash	195	
Pest Control	300	
Mowing/Snow Removal	400	
Printing Journals	8000	
Loan payment	7004	
Postage	6264	
Credit Card Service Feeds	1200	
Copier Main	2000	
Office Supplies	1000	
Sales Pubs Expenses	1500	
Copier Purchase	3400	
Copier Lease	1757	
Other Supplies/Repairs	1500	
Advertising	750	
Membership in Other Organizations	150	
Conference Attendance	200	
Seminar Expenses	2300	
Travel Expenses	1000	
Miscellaneous Expenses	250	
Cost of Misc. Merchandise	13950	
Balance on Crossroads & P&P	26639	

Total Expenses	146303	146303
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Invest excess income for future needs in a reputable growth and income fund.	25212
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*Includes executive director, part-time secretary, part-time office/library assistant, and building & grounds maintenance.

Submitted and approved Annual Meeting 12 August 2000

Thanks to the hard work of past president, Maurice **ALLMAN** and our treasurer, Nettie **GREGORY**, HCPD is the recipient of a \$997 grant from the Burr Sprigg Foundation. We have received a grant from the Foundation for several years. The grant is based on the amount Lewis County non-profit organizations spend within Lewis County each year.

The Ten+ Commandments For Names

submitted by Terris "Terry" HOWARD

- (1). Thou shalt name your male children James, John, Joseph, Josiah, Abel, Richard, Thomas, William.
- (2) Thou shalt name your female children Elizabeth, Mary, Martha, Maria, Sarah, Ida, Virginia, May.
- (3) Thou shalt leave NO trace of your female children.
- (4) Thou shalt, after naming your children from the above lists, call them by strange nicknames such as: Ike, Eli, Polly, Dolly, Sukey...making them difficult to trace.
- (5) Thou shalt NOT use any middle names on any legal documents or census reports, and only where necessary, you may use only initials on legal documents.
- (6) Thou shalt learn to sign all documents illegibly so that your surname can be spelled, or misspelled, in various ways: Hicks, Hicks, Hix, Hixe, Hucks, Kicks.
- (7) Thou shalt, after no more then 3 generations, make sure that all family records are lost, misplaced, burned in a court house fire, or buried leaving NO future trace of them.
- (8) Thou shalt propagate misleading legends, rumors, & vague innuendo regarding your place origination.
 - (A) Thou may have come from : England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales....or Iran.
 - (B) Thou may have American Indian ancestry of the _____ tribe.
 - (C) Thou may have descended from one of 3 brothers that came over from _____.
- (9) Thou shalt leave NO cemetery records, or headstones with legible names.
- (10) Thou shalt leave NO family Bible with records of birth, marriages, or deaths.
- (11) Thou shalt ALWAYS flip thy name around. If born James Albert, thou must make all the rest of thy records in the names of Albert, AJ, JA, AL, Bert, Bart, or Alfred.
- (12) Thou must also flip thy parent's names when making reference to them, although "Unknown" or a blank line is an acceptable alternative.

Jane Bennett's Diary

Identity of the member who submitted this to HCPD some years ago is unknown. Jane BENNETT's diary is a riveting reflection of life in West Virginia during the Civil War. Anyone knowing who this Jane BENNETT was and where she lived (apparently somewhere near Walkersville, Lewis County), please contact the HC Journal editorial staff.

Ed.



January 1, 1860. A very cold day, about 12 inches of snow. William started to Weston this morning with a sled load of vegetables and meat for Jonathan.

April 6, 1860. Fourteen inches of snow this morning, but not cold.

May 4, 1860. A very hard hailstorm today. I fear that it has played havoc with the apple bloom.

July 12, 1860. A very hot sultry day with a heavy rain and thunderstorm this evening. Born unto Joseph BENNETT and wife this day a son named Robert Anson. (Died at 4 o'clock Sunday morning July 19.)

July 13, 1860. Abigail HOLT and sons Mathew and William, and Elizabeth HOLT and son John came to our place this evening.

August 21, 1860. Margaret McCRAY and son Charles ate at our house tonight. It is Charles' 18th birthday.

September 8, 1860. A very hot dry day. Rain needed badly. The pastures are almost burnt up and all crops are suffering for rain.

September 16, 1860. We had a regular downpour of rain this evening which was badly needed. James MACKAY and Mr. BAUGHMAN from the new county of Webster are at our place tonight on their way to Burning Springs, Wirt County to work on the oil wells.

October 4, 1860. A beautiful day. William brought in a half bushel of chestnuts this evening and the children are roasting some of them tonight and having a great time.

October 28, 1860. A heavy frost and freeze this morning. Andre BOGGS of Webster County brought William's gun home this evening. He says he has repaired it thoroughly and it is in fine shooting order.

November 8, 1860. A very cold raw day. The report is that LINCOLN is elected President, and I fear that it means trouble if he undertakes to free the slaves.

December 14, 1860. A nice day. The snow is almost gone. John **SPRIGGS** was here today. He brought William's boots and some shoes for the children. Nathan is in Weston tonight. Will stay all night at Jonathan's.

December 25, 1860. A very cold bright Christmas. Santa Claus was very liberal with the children, and they are surely happy tonight. Lewis **COLLINS** is here tonight on his way to Weston. Evan **McCRAY** is here also,

December 31, 1860. Still very cold and snowy. There is about 18 inches of snow and a high cold wind. William has a frosted foot which is giving him considerable trouble. A Mr. **SQUIRES** and a Mr. **SINGLETON** stayed all night with us last night.

January 1, 1861. Still very cold. James and David **ALKIRE** stayed here last night. They report their mother in poor health.

January 6, 1861. Still very cold. The snow has settled and the roads are as slick as glass. Nathan went up to his Uncle Joseph **BENNETT's** this afternoon and will stay all night. Cassie has a very bad cold and it seems to have settled on her lungs. The sleighs and sleds are thick on the roads.

January 7, 1861. Sam **SPRIGG** and Melville **BARNETT** here today hauling hay into the barn. Still very cold. Our thermometer registered 17 below zero this morning, and John S. **ANDERSON's** registered 18 below. Edward **BENNETT** just got in from Ritchie County. He is on his way to his Uncle Robert **McCRAY's**.

January 16, 1861. A very nice day. The snow is about gone and the river is very high. William **REEKS** is here today doing some carpenter work on the house. John **BARLOW** and Tom **WARNER** took supper with us this evening.

February 12, 1861. The weather here today is just like spring at 60 above. I am afraid it will advance the fruit bloom until it will be killed later on. William and Nathan went to Weston this morning. Tom **PROPHET** is here trimming the orchard.

March 8, 1861. Raining this morning. Our paper says that **LINCOLN's** inauguration on the 4th passed off quietly, but I fear it is just the calm before the storm. William bought two fine hogs from Henry **RITTENHOUSE** this morning for three cents per pound. One weighed 400 and the other 425 pounds. William **SPRIGG** and Jesse **WILFONG** were here this morning on their way to Weston.

April 3, 1861. A perfect spring day. William went to Glenville this morning to see his sister Abigail **HOLT** who has been seriously ill. Robert **McCRAY**, a Mr. **BENDER** and Andrew **BOGGS** were at our house today.

April 8, 1861. A beautiful day. Our paper says that the "War Fever" is strong in the South and hostilities may be expected any time. Jesse **BOUSE**, William **CURRY** and Samuel **WILSON** were at our place on their way to Weston.

April 9, 1861. Still cool and frosty. William and Nathan went to Clarksburg as witnesses in Federal Court. It is just an expensive trip to no purpose as they know

nothing concerning the case involved. Ned **SPRIGG**, Allen **BERRY** and a Mr. **SINGLETON**, all from Braxton County, were at our place this evening.

April 15, 1861. William and Nathan returned from Clarksburg. They report that Fort Sumter, Charleston, S.C., was fired on on the 12th. **LINCOLN** has called for seventy five thousand volunteers to defend the Union. I fear that war is sure.

May 7, 1861. Nathan volunteered in the Confederate Army today - Company 1, 31st Infantry, Captain George I. **DAVISSON**. Severe fighting reported in the Grafton-Philippi area.

July 25, 1861. Big battle at Bull Run, Virginia. It is reported that the Union Army was disastrously defeated. Sam **SPRIGG** was here today on his way to Weston to volunteer in the Confederate Army, 17th Virginia, Troop S, Captain **PFIFER**. The Battle of Bull Run was fought July 21.

August 4, 1861. A company of Yankee cavalry camped here last night and stole everything they could get their hands on. They killed and ate two of our hogs and a yearling heifer.

October 7, 1861. Three companies of the 19th Virginia Cavalry (Confederates) passed through here today on their way to Sutton. They did no harm to the people of the community.

November 12, 1861. A heavy snow last night and this morning. About 14 inches on the ground but not cold. Robert **McCRAV** and Mr. **COGAR** were here today and gave us a nice dressed doe which they had killed in the Knowles Creek community,

November 18, 1861. Still plenty of snow on the ground and a very cold wind blowing. Andrew **BOGGS** and a Mr. **BENDER** and Robert **MACKAY**, Jr. were here for dinner today, and they gave us half of a yearling bear. It is certainly delicious meat. They report quite a bit of scouting and bushwhacking in Webster County and in Pocahontas County.

December 10, 1861. Very cold. Twenty below zero this morning by our thermometer. Certainly pity the soldiers who have to sleep in tents, and with insufficient covering. William was shot at today while standing in the yard. The bullet passed through the skirt of his coat. He found tracks of the bushwhacker at the upper side of the orchard, but they led into the road and we could follow them no farther.

December 15, 1861. Still very cold. A squad of Union cavalry camped here last night. The captain and two lieutenants stayed at our house last night. They were from Ohio and seemed to be a very gentlemanly set of men. They were on their way to Glenville.

December 20, 1861. Still very cold. Eighteen below this morning. Two full companies of rebel cavalry under Captain **SPRIGG** and Captain **TUNING** passed through here today. They did no harm. They were looking for Bill **PIERSON** and his guerillas who have been on the rampage in Braxton County. They have murdered three men on Oil Creek.

December 25, 1861. A very cold day. There is nearly two feet of snow on the ground. We had a letter from Nathan yesterday. He is at Camp Bartow in Greenbrier County. He says that it is very cold there and they must have about the same amount of snow as we have.

January 1, 1862. The coldest morning ever recorded in this community. Forty below zero by our thermometer and 42 by John ANDERSON's. I fear that the poor soldiers are suffering.

January 6, 1862. Still very cold. Two companies of Yankee cavalry passed through here today. Mathew said they were from Indiana. They did no harm. The report is that it was 45 below zero at Beverly and that several horses froze to death. Ed BALLARD, a soldier of the 10th Virginia, says that the hospital at Beverly is full of frost bitten men. He has a badly frozen heel and hand.

(The balance of diary for 1862 was destroyed)

January 1863. Susan WATSON died January 20th, 1863. Joseph WATSON died January 3, 1863. Sarah WATSON died January 8, 1863. Wanda WATSON died January 25, 1863. Virginia WATSON died January 27, 1863. These were the children of Brightwell WATSON who at a later date was shot by a bushwhacker just above Walkersville. All the children died of diphtheria during the month of January.

March 11, 1863. William BENNETT started to Clarksburg this morning to attend his trial for treason which is all lies of the deepest dye. William HOLT died in Winchester, Virginia, of fever. He was a soldier in the 10th Virginia.

April 1, 1863. Snowing and it looks like the dead of winter. Snow 10-12 inches deep.

April 7, 1863. A regiment of the Southern Army came in last night. Captain Nathan CLAWSON, Neil CLAWSON, Dr. BLAND and Will BENNETT stayed all night at our house Thursday and Friday nights. They left here yesterday.

April 30, 1863. Nimrod ROGER came home on furlough from the southern army and is looking fine.

May 12, 1863. Twelve Yankee cavalymen passed through here today. They were on a scout.

May 18, 1863. A big frost. Most everything killed. Some unknown person shot and killed Press MOSS's horse today. The only one he had.

July 5, 1863. A very hot day and lots of excitement. The reports from Buckhannon are that they are fighting at Beverly.

July 15, 1863. William ANDERSON died of fever in the hospital at Grafton. He was a member of Company A, 10th Virginian.

July 17, 1863. A squad of Union cavalry consisting of 19 men and an ambulance passed here today,

August 17, 1863. Thirty Union cavalymen stopped here today. Got their dinners and got their horses fed.

August 3 (sic - 23?), 1863. The soldiers arrested George REEKS, John SPRIGG, Press MOSS and Ezra HAMILTON and took them to Buckhannon for trial. The Yankees came today and burned our home. They also took 100 head of cattle, 13 horses and 50 head of sheep.

November 6, 1863. Bird CURRY killed in the Droop Mountain Battle in Pocahontas County.

April 4, 1864. A regiment of Yankee soldiers came here last night. They stayed all night and left this morning for Beverly. They were a grand set of rascals, stealing everything that was loose - even to robbing the henroosts.

June 12, 1864. Sunday the guerillas came into the neighborhood robbing the people of horses, cattle, meat, and everything else they could carry and alarming the whole neighborhood. Several men followed them to get their stolen property back. John ANDERSON was shot by a Union soldier who thought him to be one of the guerillas. How unfortunate, for Mr. Anderson is a splendid citizen.

August 25, 1864. Thursday evening Bill PEARSON and Bill CALLAHAN shot Frank MEEKS, but he is still living today. He has 15 buckshot in his head, arm and hip. The doctor could not remove them.

September 29, 1864. The Rebels came today and killed our neighbor Brightwell WATSON, shooting him in the head just a little ways above Walkersville.

October 31, 1864. Nathan came home today on sick leave from the Southern Army. He has had a bad case of typhoid fever and is still very weak.

November 6, 1864. Captain James BERRY of Co. G. 25th Virginia, Union Army, stayed all night at our house last night. He was on his way home on sick leave.

February 29, 1864. Nathan volunteered in Company A 10th Virginian, Union Army today at Beverly to keep old Bill PIERSON and his murderers from killing his father.

July 4, 1864. A beautiful day. Captain Nathan CLAWSON of Co. B, 25th Virginia stayed all night with us last night.

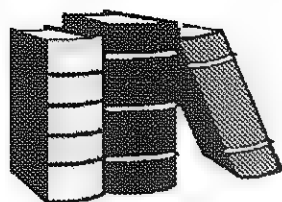
February 14, 1889. Miss Belle WILSON and Mr. Esker MEARNES of Centerville were married today by the Reverend McKEEVER.

July 31, 1889. Dr. D. E. POTTS of Crawford died this morning of consumption. He was a good man.

December 22, 1889. Charley BLAGG and Miss Mary BYRD were married today.

December 25, 1889. Homer GALFORD and Miss Mary McCLUNG of Nicholas County were married today.

January 14, 1890. Welton CLARK died this morning at his home on Abrams Run.



LIBRARY ACQUISITIONS

*The following are new donations
to the HCPD Library as of September 30, 2000*

SHELF #	TITLE	DONOR
CH 80	Buckhannon Presbyterian Church	
CR 41E	Ohio County Court Order Book Vol 4	Kenneth Craft
FA 706	The Hughes Family	Patty Myers
FA 109B	Family of Benjamin Hamrick (Roots and Wings)	
IN 26	Drum Beats on the Sandusky	Betty Graybill
KK 160	Petey	Irma Curtis
KK 159	Pluto - The Detective	Irma Curtis
MI 83	Memories	
ML 216	West Virginians in the Civil War	Betty Graybill
ML 217	War and Business	Bob/Arlene Hardman
ML 218	Virginians in the Revolution	HCPD
ML 219	A Soldier's Story	
ML 00	DAR Catalog	Christina Rumbach
US 178	The Pennsylvania Manual	Phillip Riggs
CT 12	Marilyn Pumphrey-Goosepen	Lovell/Betty Bush Freesmanburg
CT 13	S-P Turnpike	
CT 14	HCPD Law Chapel	David Smith
CT 15	NCPD and WHAW Local News	
CT 16	William Lowther 104 Years Old 1/5/1993	
BR 22A	Webster County Births	Nettie Gregory
CE 27C	Braxton County Cemeteries Vols 1 and 2	
CH 81	Salem United Methodists Church History	
CR 33	West Virginia Court Records	Kenneth Craft
CR 44	Harrison County Court Records	
LR 40	Harrison County Early Landowners	
WI 40	Lewis County Wills and Inventories 1819 - 1899	
FA 707	The Tie That Binds Hurst-Lyons-Williams & Starks	Rex Hutson
FA 708	From Whence They Came - Curry Family	David Curry
FA 650	D. Bozarth Beacon	
FA 710	Christopher Nutter Descendants	Brenda Thompson
FA 711	Hamner Cousins	Sandi Chambers
FA 712	William Sims Descendants	
JO 650D	Ritchie County Historical Society	
ML 220	Civil War Hospital - Clarysville Inn	Irma Curtis
OB 29B	Obituaries - Various Years	
OB 25B	Obituaries - Weston Democrat 1999	Gerald Hannon
SC 22	Alum Bridge School 1986-1989	Robin Light
WV 240	WV Historic Highway Markers - <i>donated In Memory of Goldie C. Rose by</i> Nettie Gregory	
AP 30	Foxfire 5	
FA 705A	Wilcox/Wilcoxson Families, Part 1	

SHELF #	TITLE	DONOR
FA 705B	Wilcox/Wilcoxson Families, Part 2	
FA 705C	Wilcox/Wilcoxson Families, Part 3	
WV 236	WV Central & Poittsburg Railway Company	Billie Masterson
RB	Methodist Protestant Chruch in WV	Betty Graybill
RB	History and Government of WV	Betty Graybill
RB	Family and Early Life of Stonewall Jackson	Roanoke School
JO 175C	KYOQVA	HCPD
JO 165C	LOG	HCPD
CE 24	Watson Cemetery Inventory	Michael Gould,
	Emma Snyder, Barbara Kerns, and Nettie Gregory	
CS 88C	Early Kentucky Taxpayers	HCPD
CH 82	Broad Run Baptist Church of Gainsville, VA	
CR 43	Stalnaker Grave Yard Right of Way	
CR 70	Superior Court Records – Harrison, Monongalia, Ohio and Randolph Counties	
FA 713	Moses Bennett Descendants	Archie/Jeanette Bennett
FA 714	Flesher Family	Archie/Jeanette Bennett
FA 715	Carder Family, 1765 – 1836	Virginia Padgett
FA 716	Fairfax County Genealogical Society Membership List	
FA 717A	Hulce/Hulse, Vol 1	Linda C. Harper
FA 717B	Hulce/Hulse, Vol 2	Linda C. Harper
FA 717C	Hulce/Hulse, Vol 3	Linda C. Harper
FA 718	Paxtons of West Virginia	
FA 719	Descendants of Peter William, John Russell And Jeremiah Conley	Betty Jo. Conley
JO 18	HCPD Journal, Vol. 18, 1999-2000	
JO 531	West Virginia History Magazine, Vol. XXXI, 1970	
JO 536	West Virginia History Magazine, Vol. XXXVI, 1975	
JO 539	West Virginia History Magazine, Vol. XXXIX, 1978	
JO 546	West Virginia History Magazine, Vol. XLVI, 1985-86	
JO 521	West Virginia History Magazine, Vol. XXI, 1960	
JO 522	West Virginia History Magazine, Vol. XXII, 1960-61	
LO 130	Morgantown-Preston-Monongalia Co Business Strategy	Mary Creamer
MA 93B	Virginia Marriage Records – Orange, Spotsylvania, and Stafford Co. and City of Fredricksburg	HCPD
MI 84	Glassmakers	Joy Stalnaker
MI 85	The Hangings of James Fleming and Clint Dotson	Charles Fleming
ML 227	Why the Civil War	Raymond Wolfe
ML 215	Real Life American Revolution	Raymond Wolfe
ML 221	Where to Write for Confederate Pension Records	
ML 222	Dunmore's War	
ML 223	Everyday Life During the Civil War	
ML 224	Marshall County 1890 Military Census	
ML 225	Stonewall Jackson – Statehood for Western Virginia	
ML 226	Military Men from Weston – Hardman Scrapbook	
MI 86	Particles of Glass	

SHELF #	TITLE	DONOR
OB 33	Obituaries – Wheeling Area Newspapers	Marlene Tenny
OS 1	Sommersville Family Bethel U.M. Church	
OS 7	Morgantown Bicentennial Calendar 1785 – 1985	Mary Creamer
OS 50	Belgium Glassworkers	
OS 61	Ireland Community Calendar 1999	Nettie Gregory
OS 62	Taylor County Historical Calendar 1999	
OS 63	My Path: A Search	
OS 64	Various Family Notes by Benny Mitchell	
RF 173	The Manual of Heraldry	Raymond Wolfe
RF 174	National Genealogical Society Guide to Membership	
RF 175	Library of Congress Info for Readers	
RF 176	A Guide to Research	
RF 177	Family Tree Maker Magazine	
RF 178	Discovering Your Female Ancestors	HPCD
SC 23	Peterson and Peterson – Central School	
SC 24	Upshur County Schools	Raymond Wolfe
SC 210A	The Mound 1962 Fairmont State College	Nettie Gregory
SC 210D	The Mound 1965 Fairmont State College	Nettie Gregory
SC 210E	The Mound 1966 Fairmont State College	Nettie Gregory
US 179	Bradner Ohio Centennial-Bicentennial	Lolita Guthrie
US 180	Legend and Lore from America's Crossroads	Raymond Wolfe
US 181	The Case of Aaron Burr	Raymond Wolfe
VA 35	Virginia Colonial Histories	Raymond Wolfe
WV 142B	Ramps – Growing your Own	
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WV 239	Webster County Folklore Index	
WV 241	Horner Extension Homemakers	
WV 242	Old Time Printer Journalist – Dedication of Clark Sleeth Family Medicine Center, Dr. Edward C. Smith Recognition Dinner	
CS 21C	Calhoun County 1910 Census	Wes Cochran
CS 56B	Ritchie County 1910 Census	Wes Cochran
CS 56C	Ritchie County 1920 Census	Wes Cochran
CS 67C	Wood County 1900 Census	Wes Cochran
DE 36B	Tyler County Deaths 1936 - 1970	Wes Cochran
MA 20B	Mason County Marriages 1901 – 19__	Wes Cochran
MA 25A	Pleasants County Marriages 1853 - 1837	Wes Cochran.
WV 156	Sketches of Wood County (was WV 104)	
CS 25C	Gilmer County 1920 Census (was CS 25A)	
FA 720	Smith Family in Chronicles of the Scotch Irish Settlement in Virginia	
LR 45E	VA Landowners 1815 Southeast Region Vol. 5	HCPD
LR 45F	VA Landowners 1815 Northwest Region Vol. 6	HCPD
MA 97	Rowan County NC Marriages 1753 – 1868	HCPD
MI 87	Poems Admired and Selected by Gertrude A. Sims 1930	Daril Stalnaker
SC 9	Fairmont State College Alumni Directory	Nettie Gregory
SC 101X	Collicala 1923	Mildred Bowman Family

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SC 101Z	Collicala 1925	Mildred Bowman Family
US 182	Early Ohio Settlers	HCPD
WI 36	Orange County, VA Wills 1744 - 1778	
ML 228	Veterans Buried in Lewis County	
ML 229	Loudoun Co. VA Militia Journals 1793 - 1829	HCPD
ML 230	The Lost Pension Act of April 6, 1838	HCPD
ML 231	West Virginia in American Revolution	HCPD
ML 232	My Recollections and Experience of the Civil War	HCPD
ML 233A	Military Records Fauquier Co, VA 1784 - 1840	HCPD
ML 233B	Military Records Fauquier Co, VA 1840 - 1904	HCPD
ML 234	Virginia Militia in the American Revolution	HCPD
ML 235	Revolutionary War 'Publick' Claims Index	HCPD
ML 236	Revolutionary War Records	Joan Peters
CE 11C	Webster County Cemeteries Meadowland And Miller/Gregory	Linda Archie
CS 21B	Calhoun County 1900 Census	Wes Cochran
CS 26B	Grant County 1900 Census	Wes Cochran
CS 57C	Roane County 1900 Census	Wes Cochran
CH 83	Second Adventist Church - Jacob Moore Family	Linda Archie
DE 14B	Braxton County Deaths 1921 - 1840	Wes Cochran
DE 7B	Roane County Deaths 1956 - 1967	Wes Cochran
FA 721	Willard "Dutch" Talbert	Linda Archie
FA 722	Descendants of John and Elizabeth Richards Beall	Grace Woofter
FA 723	Marginal Groups in West Virginia	
MA 16C	Monongalia County Marriages 1910 - 1920	Wes Cochran
MA 98	Meigs County, OH Marriages	Wes Cochran
VA 36	Fairfax County, VA History	HPCD
WV 245	The Quotem Pole	
FA 615	Jacob Woodward Calladay Descendants	
CE 65	Mason County Cemeteries Vol. 1 & 2	
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MI 67	Holiday Hobbycraft	Raymond Wolfe
MI 68	Festivals For you to Celebrate	Raymond Wolfe
MI 69	Gun Digest	
ML 173	Proud New Flags	
ML 174	37th Division in the World War	
ML 175	September Blood	
ML 176	Davidson County, TN Women In the World War	
RF 147	How to Find Your Family Roots	Raymond Wolfe
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US 158	The Tamarack Tree	

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US 159	United States Stories	
US 160	Mississippi Valley Frontier	
US 161	Pictorial History of American Labor	Raymond Wolfe
VI 44	The South Speaks Out	
VI 45	Rebel Fire/ Yankee Ice	
VI 46	America-A Look Back	
VI 47	Land of the Eagle	
VI 48	The Great Indian Wars 1840-1890 (2 tapes)	
US 162	North Carolina Colony	Raymond Wolfe
US 163	New Jersey Colony	Raymond Wolfe
FA 617	Adoption-Orphan Information	Lolita Guthrie
FA 618	Irish-American Genealogist	
FA 619	Orange County CA Surname List Orange Co. Gen. Soc.	
JO 61	Salem-Teikyo University	
JO 62	West Virginia Culture & History	
JO 67	West Virginia Association of Museums	
ML 177	Revolutionary War Soldier Grave Locations	Mary Creamer
ML 178	Gettysburg Information	
OS 48	Art Works	
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US 164	C Ship Passenger List (Olive Tree Genealogy) Pam	
US 164	D Ship Passenger List	Pam
FA 620	Early Settlers of Central WV-Goffs-Havertys-Springstons & Slavens	
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HC 20B	HCPD Agendas & Minutes of Monthly Meetings	
FA 621	A Early Western Augusta Pioneers Part 1 Pam	
FA 621	B Early Western Augusta Pioneers Part 2 Pam	
FA 622	Griffin-Griffith & Quinn Families	
FA 623	Bolling Family	Goldie Marsh Bolling
FA 624	Ancestors of Jeff Duelley	Jeff Duelley
FA 625	Early Families of Richmond Co. WI	
FA 626	Fox-Woodard-Freeman-Crislip-Bailey-Coberly	Ned Crislip
FA 627	St. Mary's Co. MD (Adams-Cocksboot-Hecks-Causine	Clark Green & Noodie Runner
FA 628	Ancestors of Deborah Ruth Hall-Burkhammer	Clark Green & Noodie Runner
BR 26	Augusta County VA Baptisms 1740-1749	Pam
BR 27	Braxton County Births 1853-1860 by	Nettie & Lisa Gregory
BR 28	Shenandoah County Births, Baptisms, Marriages	Pam
CE 65 B	Mason County Cemeteries Vol. 3 & 4	
CE 67	St. Vincents Cemetery-Kingsville WV	Noodie Runner
CE 76	Jefferson County Cemeteries	Pam
CE 78	Hancock County Cemeteries	Pam
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CS 24A	Fayette County Census 1840-1860	Pam
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FA 633	Kuykendall with Westfall Family	Raymond Wolfe
FA 630	Sponaugle Family	Paul R. Sponaugle
FA 631	Stump Family	
FA 632	Taylor Family Informatin	
JO 137	Southwestern Gen Soc.	
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LO 120	Mingo county Towns	Joy Gilchrist
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WV 223	History of Medicine in Harrison Co.	Nancy Jackson
WV 224	Barbour County Fair	Joy Gilchrist
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WI 30	Rockingham County VA	Pam
WI 31	Lunenburg County VA	Pam
CS 66A	Wirt County Census 1850-1860-1870	
CS 66B	Wirt County Census 1900-1910-1920	
NC 16D	National Intelligencer & Washington Adventuer	Linda Meyers
MI 70	Cartoons	
MI 71	Poems	
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OS 49	Skinner Family Information	Ruth Post
OS 43	Godfrey Family Information	Ruth Post
MA 17B	Pendleton Co. Marriages & Mis. Info.	
MA 80	Cabell Co. Marriages 1809-1830	Pam
MA 81	Webster co. Marriages 1888-1900	Pam
MA 82	Amherst County VA Marriages 1763- 1800	
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MA 86	Norfolk Co. VA Marriages 1706-1792	
MA 87	Rockingham Co. VA Marriages 1778-1816	
MA 88	Shenandoah Co. VA Marriages 1772-1850	
FA 633	May Family Information (John & Frank)	Marilyn Workman
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MA 89	Bedford County VA Marriages	Sheri Pettit
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MA 27	Loudoun County VA Marriages to 1881	Sheri Pettit
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KK 93	Leroy the Lobster & Crabby Crab	Clark Creamer
KK 94	You be the Judge	Clark Creamer
KK 95	Henry and Ribsy	Clark Creamer
KK 96	Greenwich	Clark Creamer
KK 97	How to Build a Vocabulary	Clark Creamer
KK 98	Cub Scout Sports	Clark Creamer
KK 99	Encyclopedia Browns Book of Strange But True Crimes	Clark Creamer
KK 112	The Haunted Carousel	Clark Creamer
KK 113	Han Solo At Stars End	Clark Creamer
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KK 115	Round About	Nettie Gregory
KK 116	Now We Are Six	Nettie Gregory
KK 117	The Kids World Almanac	Nettie Gregory

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KK 140	Stories to Remember	Nettie Gregory
KK 141	Flash of Phantom Canyon	Nettie Gregory
KK 142	Our Son Pablo	Nettie Gregory
KK 143	Alice In Wonderland	Nettie Gregory
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KK 145	Meg-The Ghost of Hidden Springs	Nettie Gregory
FA 79B	Butcher Info	Noodie Runner
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ML 181	Narrow Escapes of the Civil War	Sheri Pettit
RF 4B	Handy Book for Genealogist	Nettie Gregory
MP 30B	World Atlas	Nettie Gregory
CH 73	Free People In Search of Free Land	Lawrence Jenkins & Marty Mires
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KK 146	Dragnet	Nettie Gregory
MP 34B	West Virginia Index to Topographical Maps	
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RF 152	World Almanac 1981	Nettie Gregory
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RF 154	The Western Heritage	Nettie Gregory
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VA 3B	Augusta County History	
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US 169	St. Lucie County, FL. A Portrait of Daril & Joy Stalnaker	
CR 41	Ohio County Court Order Book Vol 2	Kenneth Craft Jr.
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J. Mary Webster Jackson

submitted by Jan Roach

The following is a continuation of the family of George and Elizabeth **BRAKE JACKSON** first published in the "Jackson Brigade Express Newsletter". The biographical sketch on Mary and Sylvanus **SEELY** is from *Memorial to the Pioneer Women of the Western Reserve*, published monthly under the auspices of the Woman's Department of the Cleveland Centennial Commission, edited by Gertrude **WICKHAM**, July 1896, Vol. 1, pp. 34-35

"Mary **JACKSON**, wife of Dr. Sylvanus **SEELY**, was born in Clarksburg, W. Va., August 13, 1796. She was married at her father's home in 1817, and moved to Zanesville, OH. Her family and friends parted with her in sorrow and tears, thinking they would never see her again, for although the distance to Zanesville was only sixty miles, it was across the Ohio River, and to them beyond the Ohio meant only an unbroken wilderness, peopled with hostile and treacherous Indians.

Her wedding dress was a pink crape, a peach blossom pink. It was very short-waisted, with full sleeves, and the skirt, which was slightly gored, measured just two yards in width around the bottom; a three-cornered lace handkerchief was worn about the neck.

Her father supplied her with ample goods and furniture for housekeeping. A high-posted walnut bedstead, a bureau of four drawers, with drop handles, some chairs and a table, a featherbed, bed clothing, table linen, towels, and dishes. After two years' residence in Zanesville they came to Howland on horseback with their baby Catharine. Their household goods were sent by wagon. Two years afterwards they came to Warren, living in a four-roomed, weather-boarded, log house on the west side of Park avenue, where Rentfle's shoe store is. As Mrs. **SEELY**'s father was a slaveholder, she knew very little about housekeeping when she was married. She soon learned and became a good cook and housekeeper. Mrs. **SEELY** had a family of six children, four girls and two boys. She made a wedding dress for each of her daughters—Catharine, who married Lieutenant (Jonathan) **INGERSOLL** in 1828; Jane, who married Cyrus **VAN GORDER** in 1840, and Helen, who married Judge James M. **JACKSON** of Parkersburg, W. Va. This was an afternoon wedding, so the young couple could take the stage for Pittsburg, and was a brilliant social event, Mrs. Seely taking great interest in it because her daughter's husband was to be a man from her own native State, Virginia. Mrs. **VAN GORDER** is now the only daughter living, and resides on Pine street, and recalls with pleasure these earlier times.

In 1836 Mrs. **SEELEY**'s sister, from Clarksburg, VA., visited her and expressed a desire to see Lake Erie. A party was made up and they rode on horseback to Painesville to view the lake.

In 1841 the family moved into a two story frame house further down on Park avenue, on the opposite side of the street, which was their home afterwards. Mrs.

SEELY was fond of reading, particularly the periodicals and newspapers. She enjoyed the society of young people, and the last years of her life were rendered pleasant by the kindly ministrations of her two great-granddaughters, whom she had taken to her home some years before, in their motherless childhood. She passed to her reward in 1875."

Mary JACKSON (J. Mary WEBSTER JACKSON), b. 13 Aug 1796, pr. Clarksburg, Harrison Co., (W)V, d/ George and Elizabeth BRAKE JACKSON; d. 27 Mar 1878, age 81, nr. Warren, Trumbull Co., OH; m. 20 Feb 1817, Zanesville, Muskingum, OH (marriage bond on record in Harrison Co., WV BK5:59, Wm. Williams listed as guardian). Marriage took place at the home of her father, George JACKSON in Zanesville, OH (sketch). Dr. Sylvanus SEELY b. ca 1794-1799 PA, s/o John W. and Elizabeth SEELY; d. (see tombstone inscriptions below) Trumbull Co., OH. Mary and Sylvanus SEELY are buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Warren, OH.

"Sylvanus, the son of Dr. John W. SEELY, born in Pennsylvania in 1795, read medicine with his father. In the war of 1812 he entered the service and worked with Dr. John B. HARMON, being present with him at the attack of Fort Mackinaw. Having married a Virginia woman he went there to practice for a while, but returned to Warren and lived here the rest of his life. His widow Mary (Mary JACKSON SEELY, d/o of George JACKSON) lived for over fifty years in the house next to the present fire department, opposite the former brick schoolhouse on Park avenue. It is still standing and is one of the oldest Warren residences. He died in 1849, having established a good reputation and practice. He was the father of Mrs. Cyrus VAN GORDER and the grandfather of Mrs. John KINSMAN." (*History of Trumbull County*, by Harriet TAYLOR UPTOWN p. 320)

"The SEELY family, Dr. John W. and Sylvanus, were Howland people, and most of their lives were spent in that township. Sylvanus finally moved to town, and with his children, George and Jane SEELEY VAN GORDER (the mother of Mrs. John KINSMAN), lived at one time in the house now standing on South Park avenue, just south of the fire department." (*History of Trumbull County*, by Harriet TAYLOR UPTOWN p. 494)

Stone inscription reads: (conflicting data on Sylvanus)

Mary J. SEELY, wife of Sylvanus, d. 27 Mar, 1878, age 81

Sylvanus SEELY, M. D., d. 4 April, 1849, age 51

Sylvanus had two stones, the second reading "Sylvanus SEELY, M.D. b. 1794, d. 4 April, 1847, age 51, son of John W. and Elizabeth SEELY

Children of Mary and Sylvanus SEELY:

1. Catherine Elizabeth Jackson SEELY, b. 1817, Warren, Trumbull Co. OH, m. Lt. Jonathan INGERSOLL, 3 Dec 1837, Canfield OH, Trumbull Co, OH (Marriage Record, Vol. 3, 1837-42, p. 61, Cert. # 4)

"Jonathan INGERSOLL was educated for the United States navy, and when but a boy went on a cruise in the Old Constitution, going almost around the world. He resigned from the navy in 1836, married Catherine JACKSON SEELY, a daughter of Dr. Sylvanus SEELY in 1838. Having prepared himself for the law, he began practice, and about 1840 was clerk of the court of common pleas, which office he

held for seven years. He was then clerk of the supreme court of Trumbull County. He died in 1875." (*History of Trumbull County, by Harriet TAYLOR UPTOWN* p. 165)

- A. Harriet Voorhies **INGERSOLL** b. 7 Sep, 1844 at Warren, OH; m. 10 Jan 1866 at Honesdale, PA, Joseph Green **BUTLER, Jr.** of Youngstown, OH, b. 21 Dec, 1840 at Mercer PA, son of Joseph Green and Temperance (ORSIG) **BUTLER**.

- 1) Blanche b. 26 Jan, 1867
- 2) Grace Ingersoll b. 15 July 1869, m. _____ McGraw
- 3) Henry Audobon b. 8 Oct, 1872

- B. Charles Edward b. 20 July, 1846, Warren, OH

- 1) Harry

- C. Jonathan b. 5 Feb 1853, Warren, OH, d. 31 Jan 1897 at Youngstown, OH, m. Mary Grace **ELLIOTT** b. 5 Feb 1861 at Darlington, Can., d/o John and Mary (**SHARKY**) **ELLIOTT** of Youngstown, OH.

- 1) Jonathan b. 24 Jan 1889
- 2) Grace b. 20 Mar 1891
- 3) Elliott Edward b. 22 Jan, 1893

- D. Sylvanus Seely b. 25 Dec, 1859, Warren OH, m. Ida May **RICHARDSON**, 31 Dec. 1878, Marion Co., IN, Marion Co, IN (Marriage Record Book 15, p. 474), d. 1933, Sullivan Co., IN, (Sullivan Co., IN Cemetery Records, Vol. 3, p. 55)

- 1) Charles Everett b. 1 Oct, 1879
- 2) James Ernest b. 18 Sep, 1884, m. Lora Jane **HOLT**, 19 Aug 1911, Sullivan Co., IN (Index to Marriage Record 1850 - 1920 Sullivan Co., IN, Bk. 14, p. 521), d. 12 July, 1972, New Berlin, WI.

2) Jane W. **SEELY**, b. 4 July 1820-25*, Warren, Trumbull Co., OH, m. Cyrus J. **VAN GORDER** 23 Sep 1840, Trumbull, OH, Trumbull Co., (OH Marriage Record, Vol. 3, 1837-42, p. 160, Cert. # 4,) d. 11 Jun, 1906, age 86, Trumbull Co., (OH Death Record, Vol. 3, 1894-1908, p. 284 - Dual record): d. 11 Jun, 1906, age 86, Mahoning, Warren, OH, (Bd. Hlth.); 1888 -1914; bur. Oakwood Cemetery, Warren, Trumbull Co., OH, inscription reads "Jane M. **VAN GORDER**, daughter of Sylvanus and Mary **SEELY**, b. 4 July, 1825, d. 21 July, 1897*, age 86, (taken from Warren, OH Cemetery Inscription book)

**note discrepancy in age at death and birth in the two sources: Trumbull Co Death Records and the Warren, OH Cemetery Inscription Book records*

- A. Mary E. **VAN GORDER** b. abt. 1845, m. John **KINSMAN** 17 Oct 1866, Trumbull Co, OH, (Trumbull Co., OH, Marriage Record, Vol. 6, 1860-69, p. 353, Cert. # 5)

3. Mary E. **SEELY**

4. Helen S/G **SEELY** b.6 Sept 1827 pr. Trumbull Co., OH; m. 5 Sep, 1850, Warren, Trumbull Co., OH, (Vol. 5, 1849-59, p. 49, Cert. # 3) James Monroe **JACKSON** b. 3 Dec 1825 pr. Parkersburg, Wood Co., WV, s/o Gen. John J. and Emma **BEESON JACKSON**; d. 14 Feb 1901 Parkersburg, Wood Co., WV; Both are buried in Riverview Cemetery in Parkersburg, WV. Helen's mother was aunt to James' father.

5. Unknown Daughter

6. George **SEELEY**

7. Unknown Son

EARLY RECOLLECTIONS OF THE TOWN OF WESTON

An Old Citizen

Relates an Interesting Story of the Town and
Recalls Many incidents and Events
of By Gone Happy Days

Weston Democrat, Saturday, April 9, 1892

TIME CHANGES ALL THINGS

Jacob WHETZEL resided on a farm near the mouth of Mudlick Run, a branch of Stone Coal creek, in Lewis county. Mr. WHETZEL was one of the very large men of the county, being over six feet in height and weighing over two hundred pounds. He was a very industrious, hard working man, a great worker in wood. I do not mean to say that he was a carpenter, but a great and good shingle and lath maker, and when it came to chopping, splitting rails and clearing land, his equal was hard to find. He married the daughter of Jacob Smith, of Smith's Run, a most industrious, kind-hearted lady. They raised a very large family of children, mostly boys. Mr. WHETZEL in his old age left the county, as did all of his family, and was greatly missed as well as his sons.

Charles A. NEWBERGER, Casper URBACH and Valentine MAY, three gentlemen who left their birth place in the "fader land" to seek and make for themselves homes "in the land of the free and the home of the brave," under a government whose constitution guaranteed to all of her citizens the right to an equal voice in making her laws and full, free and untrammelled right to worship God according to the dictates of their own conscience, none daring to

molest or make them afraid, and they were men who early sought an opportunity to gratify themselves by taking the oath of allegiance to become regular adopted citizens of this great and growing country; to participate in all her privileges and immensities. They came to the county about the year 1841. After remaining for a short time in the town they each purchased a tract of land on Mud Lick, all in the woods, without a stick amiss, and like the citizens of the Sand Fork, mentioned in these sketches, they went into the woods, cleared out a house place, built their log cabins, moved their families into them and then the tug of war come to fall the forest, grub the land and fence the fields to protect their crops -- a task that would appall the stoutest hearts of today, but they, like brave and determined men as they were, did not become discouraged, but cheered themselves with the reflection that they were working, toiling and suffering privation in order that they might have homes that they could call their own. In their old and declining years. To show how strong and great their desire was for a home of their own, two of them were first-class mechanics, who could have obtained work at their trades in any of the cities or large towns at good and living prices, but having come to this country to obtain homes with limited means they were compelled to buy land where it was cheapest. After getting a small start at farming, while their wives and children was hoeing the corn and weeding the potatoes, they would work at their trades. Mr. NEWBERGER was regarded one of the best and finest cabinet makers there was in the country and he manufactured for a very wealthy farmer of the county a piece of furniture that surpassed anything for the kind that was ever made in this country for its neatness and intricate combinations. It was something after the style of a secretary, having a secret drawer in it that no one could find without having been shown by the maker. At the time it was made it was the curiosity of the country, being composed of a great

number of different kinds of wood. It was the pride and boast of the owner as no other farmer had anything to compare with it. He took great pleasure in showing it to all who come to his home, but was very careful not to show them the secret drawer. It was no doubt unsurpassed from mechanical skill and workmanship at that day but with the rapid progress of science and mechanical ingenuity it has been left far behind. It has become a very interesting relic. Mr. **NEWBERGER** was a great genius, and a very social, intellectual gentleman. He came to this country too late in life to master the English language, never becoming able to speak it distinctly. He lived to see his farm well improved and very productive with one of as fine bearing apple orchards that there was in the country. He raised three children, one son and two daughters. His son, now a middle aged man, with a large family, is one among our best citizens.

Mr. **URBACH** was a No.1 boot and shoe maker and all of the time he could spare from his cornfield and clearing he was engaged with in making or mending boots and shoes, and he never was without a job for his work was so well done and so highly appreciated. After his boys, of whom he had a number, become grown and learned the trade with their father they concluded to rent out their farm and move to town and open out a regular boot and shoe shop, which they did. They bought property built on it and spent the remainder of his days in Weston. As long as the old gentleman could stand to work he could be found at his bench. He was a good Christian gentleman, a kind husband, a gentle and indulgent father, raised a very large family of sons and daughters, some of whom are residing in the Western States where they are prospering, the others residing in Weston, and by their industry, perseverance and economy are fast coming to the front as business men and good citizens.

Mr. **MAY**, after breasting the hardships and privations of the

wilderness until he began by his industry to see comfort and ease in his old days, become infatuated with the glowing accounts he heard from the far distant west and sold out and wended his way with his family, who were principally daughters, to the level and blooming prairies of Iowa, where I understood he prospered as did the greenbay tree.

We will now cross over the hill to Stone Lick Run where we will find our old friend, Henry **POST**. He, like the others, was a native of Germany, and was somewhat advanced in life when he arrived in America, who after remaining a short time in the town purchased a tract of land on the above mentioned Run and removed his family to it. Mr. **POST** was a genial, jolly and amusing old gentleman. He was a turner of wood by trade. As soon as he got his log cabin erected he put up his turning lathe and as he had no difficulty in procuring the timber of what ever kind he wanted. The old man turned and fashioned a great many things that were both useful and ornamental. He turned the hubs for the first tow-horse wagon that was built in the town of Weston. He was a very ingenious workman and made considerable money with his lathe when not engaged in clearing out his land and attending his crops. He was a good citizen, an industrious man and accumulated considerable property. He, like his old friend and countryman, **NEWBERGER**, raised three children, one son and two daughters. In his latter days he sold his farm and moved back to town and bought the town lots and erected the dwelling in which James **McGANN** now resided. The old gentleman lived to a ripe old age.

Thomas **HAWKINS**, a son of Jesse Hawkins who was mentioned in a former article, resided on Stone Coal, on the farm on which Mr. T. W. **HARRISON** now resides. Mr. **HAWKINS** was a very industrious man. He, like the majority of the farmers of his day, had but a very limited education so far as books were concerned, but a man of good judgment, made a good living for self

and family, which was quite large. He was a quiet, peaceable, law-abiding citizen.

The next is Mr. Levi **MAXWELL**, who owned the fine and valuable farm laying one mile east of the town, on Stone Coal creek. Mr. **MAXWELL** was a brother of the Hon. Lewis **MAXWELL**, of Weston. He was a man well advanced in life, and being in very independent circumstances, possessing all that was required to render him and his family comfortable and contented, so far as this life was concerned, there was no necessity for him to labor and toil in his declining years. Mr. **MAXWELL** did not mingle much with his fellowmen during his latter years; being a great reader and thinker, he contented himself at home with his books and newspapers. He was a very kind and sociable gentleman at his home, and was a great benefit to the county at large in a financial way, as he was at all times well supplied with money, and ready and willing to accommodate those of his friends and neighbors who might want the loan of a few hundred dollars. He was one of the early settlers of the county, having moved to it, you might say, when it was in its infancy, and he grew with its growth and strengthened with its strength. He was the architect of his own fortune, and by his industry, guided and directed by great foresight and sound judgment in his younger days, he was enabled to accumulate and lay by an ample competency for his declining days and to provide amply for his sons and daughters. He lived long to enjoy the fruits of his early days, and when called away by death, he left many friends to mourn his loss.

We will now start up Smith's run, a branch of the Stone Coal, and the first gentleman we find is Mr. Abraham **SMITH**, owning and residing on his

large and valuable farm, embracing some three or four hundred acres of as fine land as there is in the county. Mr. Smith, like Mr. **MAXWELL**, commenced the world a poor boy, with nothing but a strong, robust constitution, an immense amount of energy and determination to brook all opposition, and trample under foot all impediments to success, and by a strict adherence to these principles and determination, and the blessing of a kind Providence, it was not long until he came to the front as one of the successful farmers of the county. He was fortunate in selecting a helpmate as he was in everything that he undertook, for a better, kinder and more industrious wife than Mrs. **SMITH** would be very hard to find -- careful, economical and sympathetic, ever ready to assist, counsel, advise and encourage her husband in what she was persuaded was for the best, looking well, in the meantime, to the domestic affairs inside of her own domain. They were a happy and agreeable couple, ever ready to distribute their hospitality in a most royal manner; kind, good neighbors, ever ready to extend the helping hand to the unfortunate. They were liked, respected and trusted by all who knew them. Being firm believers in the Christian religion, they were zealous, liberal and influential members of the M. P. Church, and sought to bring up their children, of whom they raised four, in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and I am glad to say that I believe they are all four trying to follow in the footsteps of their kind and pious parents. They both lived to see all their children grown and settled in life, with a good start which they gave them, the fruits of their industry an economy in early life.

Next comes George **SMITH**, a brother of Abraham, who owned a fine farm adjoining his brother's. Mr.

George SMITH was a very large, robust, and stout man; was considered as being one of the most powerful men in point of physical strength, in his younger days, in the community in which he resided, and at that early day, when the country was new and most of it in a primitive state of cultivation, muscle and a great amount of determination was required in order to cope successfully with the forest. All of these qualities Mr. SMITH possessed to an eminent degree, and those combined with goodness of heart, amiability of character, rendered him a man whom any one was proud to call his friend. "Uncle" George was at all time glad to have his friends and neighbors come to see him and partake of his hospitality, which he dealt out and bestowed with a bountiful hand -- a most excellent farmer and good manager, he was at all times full handed -- ever ready to accommodate his friends in need. He and his noble, kind industrious wife, who seconded all of his plans in the management of his business and in doing good to all with whom they came in contact, lived a happy and contented life, raised a large family of sons and daughters, who are among the best and most prosperous citizens of the county. The old gentleman lived a long and contented life, cheered in his declining days by having his every want and comfort supplied by his dutiful children, and above and beyond all else, an unwavering faith in the atoning merits of the blood of the Savior of the world, which had cleansed him from all sin. He was a useful and influential member of the M. P. church. His good wife is still living and enjoying very good health for one of her age, being up in eighty.

Geo. P. OLIVER

to be continued.

President McKinley Memorial Service

by Don SHAUB, Columbus, Ohio

The following names are on the original program in my possession for the September 19, 1901 memorial service at the Buckhannon, WV Courthouse for President William McKINLEY.

Presiding: Mayor John HURST
 Prayer: Rev. John WIER
 Scripture Lesson: Rev. W.D. HERNDON
 Address: A. M. POUNDSTONE
 Address: W. S. O'BRIEN
 Repeating of Lord's Prayer: Rev. S.
 D. TAMBLYN
 Address: Rev. J. M. McWHORTER
 Address: W. B. CUTRIGHT
 Address: Benjamin BASSEL
 Solo: Mrs. U. G. YOUNG
 Address: R. W. POLOCK
 Address: Rev. G. F. PROSSER
 Presentation of Resolutions: U. G.
 YOUNG
 Prayer: Rev. A. W. PHILLIPS
 Benediction: Rev. Frank TOWNS

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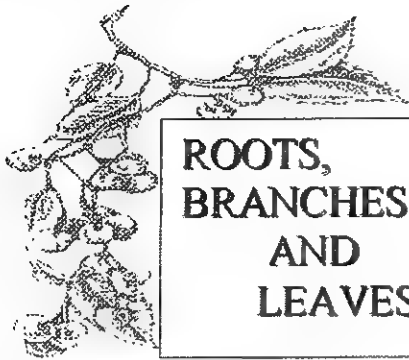
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Congratulations to all! Joy Stalnaker



ROOTS, BRANCHES AND LEAVES

One of the big benefits to HCPD members is being able to submit queries for publication in this, the quarterly *HC Journal*, and get questions out to the entire HCPD membership and beyond. When drafting queries, include WHO it is you are searching for information on, WHAT it is you know, WHAT you don't know, WHEN all this was taking place, and WHERE it took place (including the county is very important). Send your queries to the Library, or to Perry Brake, 5416 60th Ave Ct W, Tacoma, WA 98467, or PudlJumper@aol.com. Be sure to include your postal address so members can reply by mail. Ed.

1. **LOWTHER.** My great grandparents, Andrew Jackson **LOWTHER** and Margaret Jane **HICKMAN**, left WV with their family after 1880 and went to Missouri. He died either 1889 or 1899. It seems that the family just sort of stopped there. Andrew was buried in the ME Cemetery in Sumner, MO, but I can't find that cemetery. Margaret was living in Portland, OR at the time of her death, but was shipped back to MO to be buried in the same cemetery. Andrew was born 29 June 1833 in Oxford, Doddridge Co. Va/WV. Margaret was born 24 Nov 1836 in Wood Co. VA. They married 9 Aug 1853 in Oxford. All of their 13 children were born there. Two of the children died there, one 26 Jun 1858 and the other 28 Sept 1865. Most of their other children as near as I can find out moved to Portland about the turn of the century. I have photos of some of my grandfather's brothers dated 1909 and 1910. One photo includes an uncle, William **LOWTHER**, a brother to my ggrandfather. I would like to know why they moved to Mo. and where they actually lived, and where the "ME Cemetery" is. Where were their children buried. I have photos of some of the children of the uncles and aunts. I have been unable to find death certificates for all of them. Oregon is very good about researching and sending copies. Other states seem to want anywhere from \$10 up for the certificates...for so many people that is expensive. If anyone knows how to obtain more information, please contact Ellen **LOWTHER FILLER**, 2969 Cemetery Rd, Cambridge, Idaho 83610 or by e-mail at ellvf@cyberhighway.net. (See Query #10.)

2. **BENNETT.** Need Help to locate the parents of a Carson **BENNETT**, Last and only info I have is age 18 in Pendelton County 1910 Census, Listed with his Grand Parents a John and Virginia **HINKLE**. Please reply to Bob **STOTT**, 1932 East Diamond Ave Mesa AZ. 85204 or e-mail BOBESTOTT@aol.com

3. **BENNETT.** Need any help on Albert Mercellus and Mary **GAINER BENNETT**'s Family, Married in Gilmer County November 27, 1877 , Children Offa "Rev" **BENNETT**, Ruth, Edd, Grover, and Henry. Any help would be appreciated. Please contact Bob **STOTT**, 1932 East Diamond Ave Mesa AZ 85204 or e-mail BOBESTOTT@aol.com

4. **ARMSTRONG.** My paternal great grandmother, Mary Jane **ARMSTRONG BRAKE**, wife of William H. **BRAKE** of Rock Cave, Upshur County, was born on Sep 23, 1854 to Jared Morgan **ARMSTRONG** and Eliza Virginia **BENNETT**. Mary Jane died on Jan 30, 1939. William died in Jan 1925 and is buried in the Rock Cave Cemetery. There is no Mary Jane **BRAKE** or **ARMSTRONG** in the Rock Cave Cemetery. Anybody having a clue on where she might be buried, please contact Perry "Buzz" **BRAKE** at 5416 50th Ave Ct W, Tacoma, WA 98457 or by e-mail at PudlJumper@aol.com.

5. **HICKMAN.** I have an Elizabeth **HICKMAN** b. Nov. 1, 1780 (in Pennsylvania according to the 1850 and 1880 federal censuses of Greene County, Ohio). She died Sept. 18, 1859 in Green Co., Ohio. The birth and death dates are from cemetery inscriptions. She married Edward **MERCER** on Aug. 2, 1796 in Hamilton County, Ohio. I'm seeking any information regarding her parents, siblings, the exact date and place of her birth, etc. Except for the above, I have no information whatsoever on this **HICKMAN** line. Contact Bruce I. **BENNETT**, 7052 N. 71st Place Ave Creek, AZ 85331 or by e-mail at Bennetti@ix.netcom.com or bibennett@pareoinc.com.

6. **BAILEY.** Below is a picture I found among a box of family photos left to me by my Aunt, Mae **BAILEY GAINES**. I believe it to be a photo of the children at the Bailey School circa 1921-23. The school was located at the Waters of Horse Run, also known as Bailey Hollow, in Lewis County, WV. I sent a copy to my Uncle Lee **BAILEY** and he thinks there were a lot of **WYANTS**, **ROGERS** and **BAILEYs** in the photo. I know the following students to be my uncle and aunts: #2, Martha **BAILEY**; #4, Reva **BAILEY**; #5, Mae **BAILEY**; #9, Henry **BAILEY**; and #14, Linda **BAILEY**. If anybody knows others in the photo, or has any additional information about the school in that period, please contact Susanna **BRUNING**, 850 Mill Rock Court, Lawrenceville, GA 30044-6144, or e-mail bruning@mindspring.com.



7. **LANCE/McVANEY.** I am looking for any information about: John **LANCE** b. about 1827, probably in WV. He married Ardelia **McVANEY** who was b. 1833 in VA, d. 1902. The **LANCE** family is said to have come from Upshur County. I have been able to find some of the **McVANEY** ancestry, but records on **LANCEs** seem to be sparse to nil. The children I have listed are: Malissa (m. **DOYLE**); Rosa Lee (m. **SCARFF**); Tencia (m. **STRALEY**); Daniel L. D., b. about 1852; Elizabeth Jane (my grandmother), b. Jan. 27, 1853, m. John Dolan **LYNCH**, June 4, 1873, d. Oct. 4, 1946 in Gilmer Co. WV; Martin Van Buran, b. abt. 1854; Ruth (m. **WARNER**), b. abt. 1856; William N., b. Sept 15, 1857;

Icy Della (m. **BAKER**), b. Feb. 11, 1871; Mary M. (m. **SIMONS**), b. July 22, 1873. If you have any information on this family, please contact Bud **BURNSIDE**, 2101 Hahntown Wendel Road, North Huntingdon, PA 15642 or by ea-mail at budburns@westol.com.

8. **STONE**. Andrew C. **STONE**, b. 1792 in Va., d. April 3, 1868 at Kingwood, Preston Co., m. Tency **CHRISTIAN**, b. 1790. (Andrew is my wife, Doll's 2nd great-grandfather). We have their children as: Larkin, b. 1821; Brokenburrow, b. 1822; Charlotte, b. 1830; James Lemuel, b. 1832; John Christon, b. Aug 17, 1835, in Preston Co., d. June 30, 1923 in Preston Co., WV. If you have any information on this family, please contact Bud **BURNSIDE**, 2101 Hahntown Wendel Road, North Huntingdon, PA 15642 or by ea-mail at budburns@westol.com.

9. **HARRIS/McKINLEY**. I am looking for information on my paternal family connections. My paternal grandfather's family was from the Weston, WV area, but I have not been able to gather much information on them. Here is what I have and what I would like to have. According to the 1850 Weston WV Census - George and Elizabeth **HARRIS** had the following in their household: William, Jacob, Pheba, Clarinda (Melinda??), Silas, and James M. (1849). James M. was my great grandfather. He and Elizabeth show up on the 1870 Weston WV census in the household of Melinda **DUFFY**, and then on the 1890 Weston WV census, James and Eliza M. have their own household. I have a copy of the marriage license showing that James Monroe **HARRIS** and Eliza Matilda **McKINLEY** were married in 1878 by Rev. Henry **LANGFORD** at the Bailey Hotel, Weston. According to the 1890 Census, James was employed at the "asylum." I would like to learn more about the rest of James' siblings and why and when he and Eliza moved to the Wheeling, WV area. I would also like to find out about Eliza's family. According to her death certificate (she died in 1930 and James died in 1902), her father's name was William and her mother's was Millie **LOVETT McKINLEY**. That is all the information I can find so far on the McKinley side. James and Eliza settled in Martin's Ferry, Ohio (Belmont County) and that is where my grandfather William Edward **HARRIS** raised his family of 10 children with his wife Grace Ellen **JOHNSON**. My father was named after William's father, James Monroe **HARRIS**. I have gathered most of the information on my father's siblings and their families. Five of his siblings are still living.

So here is my query. I am looking for info on Millie **LOVETT** married to William **McKINLEY** - daughter Eliza Matilda **McKINLEY**, born in Weston, WV around 1850. Looking for info on Melinda **HARRIS** married to Peter **DUFFY** (**DUFFEY**)...could be **JARVIS** or **LANGFORD** or **DUFFY**...and George **HARRIS**, Weston, WV. was married before the Civil War, but Peter may have died before 1870, since the 1870 census showed a household of Melinda **DUFFY**, which included the family of Margaret **LANGFORD**, as well as Elizabeth **HARRIS**, and James Monroe **HARRIS**. Melinda was listed as head of household and her occupation was a seamstress.

Would appreciate any leads or possible sources to look at for more information on these people. My address is Julie **HARRIS**, 616 Vine St., Martins Ferry, OH 43935 or e-mail is juliemfo@aol.com.

10. **LOWTHER**. As I go through my family's history, I begin to wonder if some of the older children of Margaret Jane **HICKMAN** and Andrew Jackson **LOWTHER** had stayed in West Virginia when their parents moved to Missouri sometime after 1880. The older children were: Martha Jane **LOWTHER** b. 23 May 1854 in Oxford, Doddridge, Co. WV, m. Zacharia **TAYLOR**, 5 Sept 1878; Mary Athalia (Mollie) b. 6 Feb. 1860 in

Oxford, married 12 March 1890 to Floyd N. **CHILDERS**; and Willie E. **LOWTHER** b. 14 Feb. 1866, m. Mattie **HALL**, unk. date. If anybody knows what became of the children, please contact Ellen **LOWTHER FILLER**, 2969 Cemetery Road, Cambridge, ID 83610 or by e-mail at ellvf@cyberhighway.net.

11. **PHILLIPS**. This query started with an e-mail from Richard **TUNNEY** to Joy **STALNAKER** of HPCD. Query #11 begins with Richard's original note, followed by Joy's reply, and ends with Richard's request for further information.

[Richard] I have reason to believe my mother, Virginia **PHILLIPS**, was born in Roanoke, West Virginia on August/ 3rd, 1907. Her parents were Charles **PHILLIPS** and Sarah **BUTLER**. In 1917 she was placed in the Home of The Good Shepherd in Wheeling, West Virginia (my birthplace). For years I have searched the records of Roanoke, Virginia and with [no positive results].

[Joy] Roanoke no longer exists; its location is now under the waters of the Stonewall Jackson Lake. However, I just checked the Lewis County birth records for you and I'm sorry to report that your mother's birth is not recorded in this county. There were three **PHILLIPS** births recorded in this county between 1904 and 1916. They are: Mary Cecil **PHILLIPS**, b. 12 Feb. 1915, d/o Willey G. and Blanch **PHILLIPS**; Maxine **PHILLIPS**, b. 2 Jan 1913, Jane Lew, WV, d/o William and Nora **PHILLIPS**; William G. **PHILLIPS**, b. 25 Nov 1915, Jane Lew, s/o William and Nora **PHILLIPS**. On the off-chance that the birth might have occurred prior to 1904, I checked the births 1893-1903. Only one **PHILLIPS** child born in the county during that period. Freda M., b. 17 Nov 1894, Skin Creek District, d/o Ellis E. and Martha F. **McCUE PHILLIPS** of Upshur County. Which leads me to another possibility. Lewis County is not really a "**PHILLIPS**" stronghold, but neighboring Upshur County is. I believe we have the Upshur County birth records for the period you request at our genealogy library. If you will send me what you know about your mother and her parents, I will be more than happy to post it to our HPCD list. I am sure several other lists will pick it up from there.

[Richard] I can't believe I have found someone to help me. I have been at this since 1970 and have managed only to find that my mother was raised in a home. My mother was hit and killed by an automobile on Christmas eve of 1970. I am an only child. At one point in my life I had no living relatives of adult age. I have since found out that my mother probably had half sisters and brothers and that there is a whole story there someplace. My mother's name at birth was evidently Virginia **PHILLIPS**. Her parents were Charles **PHILLIPS** and Sarah **BUTLER**. All the information I have gained is from the 1920 census for Wheeling or the Sisters of the Good Shepherd of Wheeling that now reside in Florida. I do have all my records on Family Tree Maker and have submitted them to the LDS library and they are available there as well. If you would like a GED copy or a Family Tree copy I would be more than happy to send them to you. At some time in the past someone gave me the following information: Check the 1900 census of Preston County, West Virginia for a Sarah E. **BUTLER**, age 10, daughter of John W. age 56 and Margaret age 44, born Indiana. Also a brother, Charles R. There is also a listing of Charles C. **PHILLIPS** age 15 son of Eugenius J., age 37 and Levina J., age 40 with brothers, Hallie A., age 10 and Floyd, age 9 in Preston County. This information was given to me by a librarian in Roanoke, VA after I tried all the Virginia records with no success. This is what I know: Mother was placed in the home of the Good Shepherd Industrial School for girls, Wheeling WV. See Enumeration District No 117 Sheet 8b of the 1920 Census for details. She is listed as Gladys

PHILLIPS. On a letter from the nuns she was listed as Virginia. The other item in doubt is date of birth. The 1920 Census list her as 12 or born in approximately 1908. The previous letter mentions a date of entry into the home on October 9, 1917 at the age of 9. These dates are probably accurate to her age. It appears that at the time of death she was probably 63 and not 54 as claimed. Her date of birth listed by the Nuns was August 3, 1907. On entry into the home the Sister's baptized her and changed her name from Virginia to Anna Marcella. She was then known as Marcella. I do know her mother died close to her birth and her father remarried. At the age of 14 her father tried to get her to move back with him and new wife and children and she would not go.

If anyone has any information on Gene **TUNNEY's** mother, please contact Joy **STALNAKER** at the Library so she can pass it on to Gene.

12. **LAKE/BARTLETT.** John **SINCLAIR/ST. CLAIR** and Rebecca **LAKE** were my gg-grandparents. They were married in Taylor Co., VA/WV on August 16, 1849 by John **DAVIDSON** (John **ST. CLAIR** was about 26 years old and Rebecca **LAKE** was about 17 years old). Rebecca **LAKE** was named as the daughter of Mrs. Benjamin **BARTLETT**. The bond was signed by John **ST. CLAIR** and Benjamin **BARTLETT** on August 14, 1849. I need to find the following: The first name of this Mrs. Benjamin **BARTLETT**; the name of her first husband, **LAKE**; the maiden surname of Mrs. Benjamin **LAKE BARTLETT**. I am assuming these marriages took place in Harrison, Barbour or Taylor Counties of VA/WV...the **LAKE** marriage sometime around 1825-1830, and the **BARTLETT/LAKE** marriage before 1849. Any other information would be appreciated. Please contact Rosella **SHEETS**, 1065 Grove Hill Dr., Beavercreek, OH 45434- 5905 or by e-mail to RosieSheets@prodigy.net

13. **TUCKER.** Sarah J **TUCKER** b. abt 1836 in Harrison Co, WVA Married Saul P. **REGER** Dec 23, 1857 in Lewis Co, WVA. Mother's name on marriage says Roan **TUCKER**. Need to find Mothers maiden name . Father may be John **TUCKER**. If you have any information on these people, please contact Nancy **McDANIEL**, Rt 4 Box 119, Ada, OK 74820 or by e-mail at ronan@compworldnet.com.

14. **KARLEN/GOBELI.** I am searching for any information on Magdalene **KARLEN GOBELI** born in Boltigen, Switzerland May 28, 1843. Her husband's name was Jacob **GOBELI** who reportedly died in Switzerland before she arrived in America in 1874. Magdalene settled in the Swiss community of Helvetia, WV (Randolph County) and raised her 7 children there. I would appreciate any information on her or her brothers who settled in Helvetia with her. Their names were John, Jacob, and David **KARLEN**. Please reply to Sherri **BRAKE-RECCO**, 12451 Chestnut St NW, Canal Fulton, OH or e-mail riverstx@sssnet.com.

15. **GREEN.** Searching for the parents of Benijah **GREEN**, born about 1765 in Kanawha County VA. He married Sarah Isabella **EVANS** Sept 6, 1789. Benijah **GREEN** is listed in the Census of 1810 in Kanawha County VA and also listed as owning property in 1841 in Nicholas County, VA. Any information will be appreciated and I am willing to share the information that I have. Please contact Sherri **BRAKE-RECCO** 12451 Chestnut Street NW Canal Fulton OH 44614 riverstx@sssnet.com.

16. **POSEY.** The following photo is believed to be from a **POSEY** Family Reunion. I estimate the photo to have been taken about 1890, probably in Braxton or Lewis Co.,

possibly in the Orlando area. I do not know what the building behind the group of people is. Any information on the people, time and place is needed. Please email Cindy ETHIER-KOSTKA at jccekost@aol.com or by postal mail at 12 Montello St. Ext. Brockton, MA 02301-7101.



17. **REYNOLDS.** Searching for information on Watson R. **REYNOLDS**, married to Sarah/Sallie before 1829, probably Barbour County. Sarah may have been Native American. Descendants would have names **ROHR**, **NEFF**, **MATHNEY**, **WAGNER**. Area of interest is all Upshur County and nearby areas in the mid 1800s. Please send info to Sue Neff, 6319 Sundance Trail, Brighton, MI. 48116 or ericneff@ismi.net.



***** IN MEMORIAM *****

Gwen **FINLAYSON REGER**, 85, of Buckhannon, died Friday, Aug. 11, 2000, in Ruby Memorial Hospital, Morgantown. She was a native of Shinnston. She was a graduate of West Virginia Wesleyan College, a member of the Wesleyan Emeritus Club, Alpha Xi Delta sorority, the First United Methodist Church, the United Methodist Women's Society, the Buckhannon Women's Club, the College Club, St. Joseph's Hospital Auxiliary and Hackers Creek Pioneer Descendants.

Surviving: husband, Robert H. **REGER**; sons, Robert H. **REGER** Jr. of Vienna, John E. "Jack" **REGER** of Chagrin Falls, Ohio, and James P. **REGER** of San Diego, Calif.; four grandchildren

Some Lewis County Revolutionary War Claims

*Abstracted and prepared by David ARMSTRONG
For Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants*



The records abstracted below are from Lewis County "Record Book 1832-1837." This book was kept by the County Court as they carried out the business of running the county. The original is in the basement of the Lewis County Courthouse and has not been microfilmed so the presentation of these records is thought to be of pressing importance. The original is not well known to many of the staff at the courthouse but the book has been reproduced and copies given to the Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants Library at Horner, WV and the Allegheny Regional Family History Society Library at Beverly, WV. It is suggested that persons who wish to look at the record itself use one of those two copies since it will be easier than retrieving the fragile original from the courthouse basement.

Interested researchers should view a copy of the original as the following is an **abstract**. Nothing has been added that is not in the record book but the listings below are not verbatim. Every effort was made to get all of the relevant information both of historical and genealogical value out of each listing for publication here but no responsibility is assumed for errors or omissions. The page numbers are not referenced but the dates of each court are given below and these are in the book in chronological order so finding a specific record in the book should not be a problem.

This flurry of petitions was a result of the pension act of Congress as stated. The researcher will do well to keep in mind that a request for a pension is NOT proof of the service claimed and interested persons are cautioned to fully research the services of these individuals in the many primary sources available before writing a history of an ancestor's Revolutionary War service.

Isaac COX appeared in open court and made a declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed the 7th day of June 1832. Whereupon the court are of the opinion that he was a soldier in the Revolutionary War and served as he states. August 7, 1832.

- James BROWN (same date and order)
- John BROWN (same date and order)
- John NEELY (same date and order)
- Philip COX (same date and order)
- John RAINS (same date and order)
- John CUTRIGHT (same date and order)
- Christopher McVANEY (same date and order)
- Isaac BEESLEY (same date and order)
- John WINGROVE (same date and order)
- John WAGGONER (same date and order)

- Henry **PENINGER** (same date and order)
- John **CARPENTER** (same date and order)
- Mark **SMITH** (same date and order)
- John **MITCHELL** (same date and order)
- Jacob **BUSH** (same date and order)

David W. **SLEETH** in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed for the relief of the Revolutionary War soldiers passed 7th June 1832 appeared in court and swore to and subscribed a declaration of his services and the court do declare their opinion, after the investigation of the matter, and after putting the interrogatories prescribed by the War Department the the above named applicant was a Revolutionary soldier and served as he states. And the court further certifies that it appears to them that John **TALBOTT** who has signed the preceeding certificate is a clergyman resident of this county and that Henry **McWHORTER** who has also signed the same is a resident of the said county and is a credible person and that their statement is entitled to credit. August 7, 1832.

- John **HAGLE** (August 8, 1832 same order as I. Cox above)
- Henry **McWHORTER** (September 4, 1832 subscribed to a declaration and same order as Hagle)
- Alexander **WEST** (same date and order)
- James **WAMSLEY** (October 2, 1832 and same order)
- Philip **REGER** (November 6, 1832 and same order as Sleeth above except John **TALBOTT**, David W. **SLEETH**, James M. **CAMP**, John G. **STRINGER**, Gideon D. **CAMDEN**, Lewis **MAXWELL** and William **RADCLIFF** are witnesses)
- Thomas **COTTRELL** (November 7, 1832 and same order as I Cox)
- Jesse **CARPENTER** (November 7, 1832 and same order as I Cox)
- Jacob **BUSH** (November 7, 1832 and same order as Sleeth except John **TALBOTT** and George **BUTCHER** are witnesses)
- John **MACE** (December 4, 1832 and same order as I Cox)
- Philip **COGAR** (December 4, 1832 and same order as I Cox)
- Samuel Z **JONES** (December 4, 1832 and same order as I Cox)
- William **RADCLIFF** (December 4, 1832 and same order as I Cox)
- John **NORRIS** (January 1. 1833 and same order as I Cox)
- William M **CLARK** (January 1, 1833 and same order as Sleeth above except Clergyman William **PETERSON** with Abner **ABBOTT** and John **RAINS** are Witnesses)
- George E **WILSON** (February 5, 1833 and same order as I Cox)
- Lewis **BONNETT** (February 5, 1833 and same order as I Cox)
- Peter **BONNETT** (February 5, 1833 and same order as I Cox)

February 5, 1833 this day Lewis and Peter **BONNETT** soldiers of the Revolutionary War appeared in court and signed a joint declaration of the Revolutionary services of the late Col **WILLIAM LOWTHER** who was a major in Col. **CROCKETT'S** Regiment and the court do certify that it appears to them that Lewis and Peter **BONNETT** are respectable men and that their statement is entitled to credit.

March 5, 1833 At a court held for Lewis County satisfactory evidence was addressed in court to prove that Mary **SOLOMON** of the said county is the sole surviving child and

heir of Thomas **SOLOMON** a soldier in the late war in the 12th Regiment of infantry attached to Captain **MORGAN**'s company. (1812 War veteran see below)

May 1. 1833 at a court held for Lewis County it was satisfactorily proven in open court by the testimony of credible men that John **BAILEY** was a captain the service of Virginia during the whole of the Revolutionary War, that he was attached to the command of Col. **CLARKE**, commanded a company at the capture of Kaskaskias and St. Vincents about the year 1778, 1779, and 1780; that he so continued in the service of Virginia as a captain during the whole of the Revolutionary War and then continued to command detachments of men in the defense of the western country, Kentucky and Illinois until the close of the Indian hostilities down to the year 1794 or 1795; that he continued to reside in Kentucky occasionally visiting his friends in Virginia, his first residence was where Louisville now stands, he then removed to Greenbrier and there died intestate and without issue (never having been married) about the last of August, 1823; that the said Captain John **BAILEY** was the legitimate brother of Sarah **BENT** late Sarah **BAILEY** the sole surviving heir at law in fee of John **BAILEY**; that she resides in Lewis County and is about 72 years of age; that the brothers of the said Captain John **BAILEY** were James and Right, and they are both dead. James **BAILEY** was killed by the British at a British station called 96 in South Carolina in the year 1781, he was a soldier in the Virginia Line on the Continental Establishment, was never married and died intestate and without issue. That Right died in 1828 in Lewis County intestate and without issue. It is therefore ordered that the same be certified to the Executive Council of Virginia, to the Register of the Land Office of Virginia, to the Land Bounty Office of the United States at Washington City, and also to the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States, as well as the first Auditor's Office of Virginia. -May 7, 1833 it is satisfactorily proven in court that JAMES **BAILEY** enlisted in Fauquier County, Virginia as a soldier under Captain **CHILTON** in the year 1776; that he was attached to the 3rd Regiment of the Virginia Line on Continental Establishment; that he was in the Battle of Brandywine and Monmouth; that he was in the year 1780 or 1781 sent to the south; that he was killed with many wounds of bayonets at a British station called Ninety Six in South Carolina in the year 1780 or 1781 in halling (sic) down some sandbags which the enemy had laid up for a battery; that he died intestate and without issue having never been married; that Sarah **BENT** formerly Sarah **BAILEY** is the sole surviving sister and heir at law of James **BAILEY**, and she now resides in Lewis County, ordered certified etc.

May 7, 1833 John **WELCH** aged 76 satisfactorily proved in court that he was a soldier in the Virginia Line on Continental Establishment; that he enlisted in Loudon County Virginia to serve during the war; that he did serve in different regiments until June 1783 when he was discharged; that he is yet living and resides alternately in Randolph, Harrison and Lewis Counties, ordered certified etc.

May 7, 1833 motion of James **BROWN** aged 77 years in court satisfactorily proved that Robert **BROWN** was a soldier in the Virginia Line on Continental Establishment; that he enlisted in 1776 in Frederick County, Virginia to serve during the whole of the Revolutionary War; that he did so serve in the said line during the whole of the said war from 1776 until June of 1783; that he died in 1785 in what is now Hardy County, Virginia intestate and without issue leaving James **BROWN**, John **BROWN**, and Edward **BROWN** his only brothers and only heirs, ordered certified etc.

May 7, 1833 at court held for Lewis County satisfactory evidence was given in open court to prove that George **SOLOMON** was a soldier of the Revolution in the Virginia Line on the Continental Establishment; that he enlisted in 1777 in Augusta County to serve during the war; that he did serve until June 1783; that he died in Augusta County in or about 1796 intestate leaving an only son and heir named Thomas **SOLOMON**; that he the said Thomas enlisted in the late war and was a sergeant in the 12th Regiment of infantry in Captain **MORGAN**'s Company and died in the said company during the late war intestate leaving Mary **SOLOMON** his only daughter and sole heir, which is ordered to be certified etc.

May 7, 1833 at court held for Lewis County satisfactory evidence was given in open court to prove that Col Silas **ALLISON** was a Lt. Colonel in the First State Regiment; that he engaged to continue as a Colonel during the whole of the Revolutionary War; that he was declared a supernumerary; that in the fall of 1784 he removed from Virginia and settled at Green Castle in Pennsylvania and there resided till the 12th of June 1795 when he died leaving the following as his only children and heirs at law: Robert **ALLISON**, now a member of Congress from Pennsylvania; his two sisters Margaret **McCLANACHAN**, wife of Samuel **McCLANACHAN** and Elizabeth **HENDERSON** wife of John **HENDERSON** still residing in Pennsylvania order certified etc.

May 7, 1833 at court held for Lewis County satisfactory evidence was given in open court to prove witnesses that John **ARNOLD** was a soldier in the Virginia Line on Continental Establishment in the Revolutionary War; that he enlisted in the year 1778 in Culpepper County, Virginia under Captain **BLACKWELL** to serve during the war; that he continued in said line until the month of June 1783 as a private soldier; that he died in Harrison County in the year 1814 intestate leaving the following children: Benjamin; James Jr.; Isaac; Ketura, wife of Adrian A. **THOMPSON**; Elizabeth, wife of John **WELCH** and Mary, wife of Joseph **KNOTTS** order certified etc.

May 7, 1833 Alexander **WEST** in open court proved that he was a soldier in Col. **CROCKETT**'s Regiment under the command of then Col. G. R. **CLARKE** afterwards Gen. G. R. **CLARKE** that he the said West was attached to Captain George **JACKSON**'s company. The said **WEST** now resides in Lewis County which is ordered to be certified etc.

Edmund **WEST** (same date, service claim and order as A. **WEST** except E. **WEST** died in Lewis County in 1814 leaving Moses, John, Edmund, and Mary **WEST** his children and heirs)

- Thomas **McCALL** (July 2, 1833 and same order as I Cox)
- Patrick **McCANN** (same date and same order as I Cox)
- John **SCHOOLCRAFT** (same date and same order as I Cox)
- Jacob **BONNETT** (July 3, 1833 and same order as I Cox)
- Samuel **GREEN** (July 3, 1833 and same order as I Cox)

July 3, 1833 It appears to the court that Jacob **BUSH** who before the court made a declaration for a pension hath departed this life leaving a widow Margaret **BUSH** at this time living.

October 1, 1833 Jacob **BUSH** died November 27, 1832

William **POWERS** (October 1, 1833 and same order as I Cox)
Adam **FLESHER** (October 1, 1833 and same order as I Cox)
David **WOLF** (October 1, 1833 and same order as I Cox)
Joseph **PARSONS** (October 1, 1833 and same order as I Cox)

October 1, 1833 appeared Uriah **SPRINGER**, age 84, late a captain in the Virginia Line on Continental Establishment and by the oath of Robert Stewart, age 75, that they were both well acquainted with John **McKINLEY** and that the said McKinley enlisted early in the year 1776 as a sergeant in the Virginia Line on the Continental Establishment in Captain Stephen **ASHBY**'s company in the said line; that he continued to serve as a sergeant in the said company until December 1776 at which time he was promoted to a lieutenant and commissioned as such, that he was then attached to the 13th regiment of the said line and served in the campaign of 1777 in the said regiment and line; that early in the year 1778 he obtained permission to join another part of the 13th Regiment then on service in the Western Department; that in 1781 he was commissioned a captain in the said line; that in 1782 he engaged to serve during the war; that he went with his company under Col Crawford in 1782 and was made a prisoner by the Indians, taken to the Indian towns and (according to the statement of some prisoners which escaped) he was killed, his head cut off and kicked about the camps and around the fire in which Col. **CRAWFORD** was burnt. The said affiant states positively that he never returned from the said expedition. They further testify that the said **McKINLEY** was killed intestate and left only one child and heir at law which is Thomas **McKINLEY** all of which is ordered to be certified.

October 1, 1833 on oath of David W. **SLEETH**, aged 74, Alexander West, aged 73, and John **CUTRIGHT**, age 84, all residents and citizens of Lewis County, it was satisfactorily proven that Captain James **BOOTH** was a captain in the state service in the Virginia Line in the Revolutionary War, that he commanded a company of Indian Spies on the western waters, that he commenced the service in 1776 and continued until June of 1782 when he was killed by Indians in a skirmish on Booth's Creek in what is now Harrison County; that the said creek took it's name from that occurrence; that they had severally been acquainted with Captain **BOOTH** thirteen months at the time that they had severally enlisted to serve eighteen months. It is further proven by the aforesaid affiants that John **BOOTH** is the son and sole surviving heir of Captain James **BOOTH** and that he was killed intestate, ordered certified etc.

-William **COOKMAN** (November 5, 1833 and same order as I Cox)
-George **McNEMAR** (November 5, 1833 and same order as I Cox)

November 3, 1833 satisfactorily proven in court by Daniel **STRINGER**, age 67 and Abner Abbott, age 66, that they were well acquainted with Nathaniel **FOX** Sr., that the said Fox was a lieutenant in the Virginia Line on Continental Establishment in the year 1779 and so continued till the end of the war; that they do not know what regiment he belonged to but that he was principally engaged in recruiting service and that he died about the year 1790, intestate and left two children: Nathaniel and Mary; that the said Nathaniel died without issue and that the said Mary intermarried with Jacob **ABBOTT**

now of Lewis County and that she is still living; that the said Lieutenant FOX lived in Prince William County, Virginia and died there.

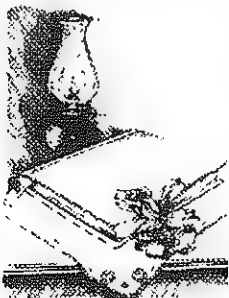
November 3, 1833 it is satisfactorily proven in court that Isaac **ISREAL** deceased was a Lieutenant in the 8th Regiment of the Virginia Line on Continental Establishment; that he was promoted to a Captain in the said Regiment in the year 1778, and that he continued as a captain in the said regiment to the end of the war; that he died in the County of Harrison in the year 1817 intestate leaving the following children his only heirs: Joseph, Isaac, Jacob and Benona **ISREAL** of Virginia State, Sarah **ANDERSON**, late Sarah **ISREAL**, wife of James **ANDERSON** of Ohio State, and Eleanor **MORRIS** late Eleanor **ISREAL**, wife of John **MORRIS** of Erie County, Pennsylvania and that the said heirs are still living.

- Noah **SEXTON** (November 3, 1833 and same order as I Cox)
- Nicholas **GIBSON** (November 3, 1833 and same order as I Cox)

January 8, 1834 The court doth order it to be certified that the order made at the October 1833 (term) of this court in relation to the Revolutionary Services of Captain John **McKINLEY** is erroneous in this stating that it is proven by the oaths of Captain U. **SPRINGER** and Robert **STEWARD** whereas it should have said that it was proven by the affidavits of the said **SPRINGER** and **STEWARD** and other evidence.

January 8, 1834 this day it was satisfactorily proven by David W. **SLEETH** in open court that Joel **WESTFALL** of Lewis County is the surviving husband of his wife Elizabeth, that the said Elizabeth was the only surviving child and heir at law of of Lieutenant W **WHITE** who was first Lieutenant under Captain George **JACKSON** in 1781 under Gen. George R. **CLARKE**, that the said Elizabeth died intestate on the 24th of August 1820 leaving the following children: John W., Henry F., Isaac, Eliza, Huston S. and Allen J. **WESTFALL**; Hannah **LOVE**, late Hannah **WESTFALL**, wife of Robert **LOVE**; Mary **HUGHES**, late Mary **WESTFALL**, wife of Stephen **HUGHES**; and that Lt. **WHITE** was killed by the Indians in March of 1782 intestate and that the said David W. **SLEETH** saw him after he received his mortal wound and before he died, which was in about five hours after he was shot by the Indians. The court further certifies that David W. **SLEETH** is a credible man and his statement is entitled to credit.

March 1836 It appears to the court that John **NORRIS** who before this court made a declaration for a pension departed this life on the 12th of February, 1836 leaving a widow named Mary **NORRIS** who is at this time living.

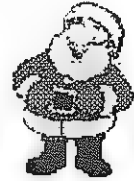


***** IN MEMORIAM *****

Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendant Rita Mae **LAW**, widow of Maynard D. **LAW**, 911 S. 45th St., Temple, TX, passed away July 11, 2000, in Texas. She was born 9 May 1931. Rita Mae is interred in the Temple Garden of Memories.



"Yes, Virginia...there is a Santa Claus"



The following has nothing to do with genealogy...and yet it has *everything* to do with genealogy. It is the account of a little girl's plea for the truth, and the response that has warmed the hearts of our ancestors for a century. We have all heard the expression "Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus" but many of us might not have heard the rest of the story...so we preserve it here for our children, and their children. Ed.

In September 1897, Virginia O'HANLON, a little girl living in New York, wrote a letter to the editor of *The New York Sun*. The letter and its reply became one of the most memorable editorials in newspaper history and was reprinted annually until the *Sun* went out of business in 1949. Francis P. CHURCH had worked for the *Sun* for 20 years and was the editorial writer assigned to answer Virginia's letter.

Dear Editor---I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says "If you see it in The Sun, it's so." Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?

Virginia O'Hanlon

And the reply---"Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except what they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours, man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

"Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The external light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

"Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies. You might get your papa to hire men to watch all the chimneys on Christmas eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if you did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world. You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there

is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived could tear apart. Only faith, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond.

"Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding. No Santa Claus! Thank God! he lives and lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay 10 times 10,000 years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood."

UNUSUAL GRAVE

submitted by Penny THOMAS, Columbus, OH

If anyone knows anything more about this unusual grave or knows if it still exists, contact the HCPD staff so a follow up article can be published. Ed

I was browsing through some old *Gateways of Ohio*, the older version of Ohio Genealogical Society's Journal. This one dates from April 1977: Page 88. I thought it rather interesting. It is not known which side of the river this grave was located on, although it is implied that it was on the south bank in either West Virginia or Kentucky.

Grave Above The Ground

"On the banks of the Ohio River between Maysville and Wheeling there is a cast iron coffin, supported by pillars, about two feet above the surface of the earth, with the following inscription: 'In memory of Andrew ELLISON, who departed this life, January 12, 1824.' The deceased was an eccentric but unfortunate man. He was one of the first settlers in the western country and hewed down the woods with his own hands. He left about \$200,000 to his widow, on condition she buried him according to this direction; she is required to remove the coffin to any place in which she may take up abode. By marrying again she forfeits the whole estate." (*Wooster Journal And Democratic Times*, pub. Wooster, Ohio, Wed., November 2, 1836)."

John and Margaret Hacker Award Winners

This year, for the first time, HCPD gave a Margaret HACKER award. The award is given to the woman best exemplifying the pioneer spirit of Margaret SLEETH HACKER when she crossed the mountains - with one child in arms and another on the way. She was a hardy, hearty lady. The award was give to May STRALEY WHITE, one of the four co-founders of HCPD. The John HACKER Award was presented to Maurice ALLMAN who exemplifies the leadership qualities and other characteristics of John Hacker, the first permanent white man to settled in what is not Lewis County, WV, and one of the early leaders of all of Central West Virginia.

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